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DUNBLANE took a deep

breath last night and began the painful process of facing the future rather than dwell-

ing on the past.
The Prime Minister and the

Leader of the Opposition had

visited the scene of the carnage

and had left, overwrought by

what they saw in the gymnasi-

um where the massacre took

place. The media horde had

visibly thinned, the streets felt

more ordinary, and the people

had turned to the church for

The two-and-a-half-hour vi-

gil of prayer held in the cathedral drew together eight

denominations and was

packed. Each participating minister had 15 minutes in

which to offer prayers inter-

spersed with music, but it was

not a service in the strict sense.

There were no vestments, no high-ranking clergy.
One of those taking part

called it "a stepping-stone" to Sunday, when there will be a

full commemoration anended

vigil was an act of worship

that took its text from those

who sat in the pews rather

than those in from of the altar.

ation to say that this commun-ity of Dunblane has surprised

everyone who has been here

with its strength and dignity

in the face of disaster. Both

John Major and Tony Blair

commented on this, and many

other people have been im-

pressed by the way the city has

come together. Despite all the

talk of it being a small, close-

knit community in which "ev-

eryone knows everyone else".

Dunblane is not really like

that. It is a commuter town

with many outsiders and

It is not, I think, an exagger-

the Queen. Yesterday's

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could not necessarily have counted on welding together at a moment like this. That it

has done so, strongly and immediately, is doubly im-

"It is an extraordinary town," said the Rev Gian

Tellini, the Episcopalian min-

ister and one of those involved

in the vigil. "I have worked in

many places, but I have never

known anywhere quite like

this. [The city] has visibly

rallied. If anywhere can come through this crisis it is Dunblane. The way it is

handling this is an example to

The theme of the vigil was

reconciliation and strength for the future, It drew together

Presbyterians, Catholics, Episcopalians, Quakers, Or-

thodox and even the fiercely independent Free Church of

Scotland, Mr Tellini, an Italian convert to Anglicanism

from Catholicism, spoke as

someone who is an embodi-

ment of that sense of unity. He

trained as a Franciscan,

worked in the Vatican, broke

with Rome after the stresses of

the Second Vatican Council in

the 1960s and raught theology

at a Presbyterian college be-

fore becoming a practising

"I am a walking council of churches," he said. "I know of

no church which has the

whole truth and nothing but

the truth. f became an Angli-

can because it was the only

church where I had the right

to say that f might be wrong."

is shared by others who took part in the vigil. Canon Basil O'Sullivan had just finished a small service for some of the

His tolerance and openness

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Anglican.

us all."

Dunblane

looks to the

light beyond

☐ The Queen speaks of her grief ☐ Major and Blair visit children ☐ Injured girl's relapse

# Nation unites for tribute to school victims

By Kate Alderson, Alice Thomson, Bill Frost and Alan Hamilton

IN A collective act of respect and an expression of deep sorrow, much of Britain will observe a minute's silence tomorrow in memory of the 17 victims of the Dunblane massacre and in solidarity with those left behind to grieve for

As the nation prepeared to mourn with the Scottish city. doctors struggled last night to save the life of Amie Adam. five. Her thigh was shattered by bullets when the killer slaughtered 16 children and their teacher in the gymnasium of Dunblane Primary School. She had been making good progress after surgery. but yesterday she suffered a "serious post-operative setback" and was on a lifesupport system in Yorkhill Hospital, Glasgow.

The Queen and the Princess Royal will travel to Dunblane romorrow to comfort the bereaved. A royal visit planned for Monday was rearranged hastily yesterda anerroor when the Scottish Office told Buckingham Palace that the Queen's presence was likely to clash with the first of the private funerals of the dead

Yesterday the Queen offered her own public expression of grief to the victims of the massacre. She said: "My heart goes out to them, each and every one, and especially to the families of those who were killed and mjured. May their courage remain undimmed. I feel sure that I speak for all of you today in wishing to express our grief for those at Dunblane who have, in what-ever way, endured the dread-

ful events of Wednesday." The children of Dunblane Primary will return to their classrooms next Friday, nine days after the massacre, the governors said last night. The gymnasium where the victims died will be kept open for parents to visit; then it is expected to be demolished. Political differences were

6 A child is a symbol of hope, a fresh start. It seems so cruelly unfair to extinguish such a source of light 3

Richard Morrison...

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forgotten yesterday when John Major and Tony Blair visited Dunblane and tried to comfort and understand. Doctors and nurses from Stirling Royal Infirmary who had been on the scene minutes after Thomas Watt Hamilton went on the rampage were there to take them to some of the children unlucky enough to have been in the gymnasium. luc

escaped death. In the presence of fifty or so medical staff and officials and all the paraphernalia of intensive care, the doctors were able to seek refuge in the jargon of their profession. The politicians found themselves with a

limited vocabulary. However, the children appeared to give them some hope. Matthew Birnie, five, was joking; his parents watched, unable to speak

In ward 17, the three children were best friends. One was ordering an ice lolly for a preop breakfast, another was playing with bricks. They might be allowed out for the day on Mothering Sunday.

Mr Major gave his support yesterday to the idea of a nationwide gesture of support and sympathy for a commun-ity devastated by ten minutes of homicidal madness. The Prime Minister said that he would observe the minute's silence and was sure many others would, too: "It is impor-

tant for people to pay their respects in the wake of

The Archbishop of York, p4

Wednesday's tragedy. A minute's silence on Sunday would be one way of achieving this." Millions of people across the country seem set to follow Mr Major's example on Mothering Sunday. The call for a minute's silence has the support of politicians, the churches and commercial organisations. Organisers of a host of sporting fixtures said yesterday that they too would

a mark of respect and national Scottish rugby clubs were asked to observe a minute's silence before their matches today. The FA Premier League asked all clubs yesterday to observe the minute's silence before all this weekend's

turge spectators to fall quiet as

Rick Parry, chief executive of the FA Premier League, said: "Our thoughts go out to the people of that community tended to all the families who are suffering as a result of this tragedy. A period of silence is one small way of showing respect and expressing the heartfelt condolences of fans, players and officials."

Railtrack said there would be a one-minute silence at 9.30am on Sunday at 14 main stations.

Sainsbury's decided yesterday that a minute's silence would be observed at the chain's 200-and-more supermarkets. An offical said: "Just before 9.30am we will broadcast an announcement to all our staff preparing to open these stores, inviting them to take part in a one-minute silence.

Worshippers across Scot-land have been called to unite for two minutes of silent prayer at 11.30am tomorrow. The Scottish Evangelical Alliance is asking congregations to "pray for hope amidst the desolation felt by the stricken



#### Rachel Hally with her father, Graham, yesterday on their visit to Stirling infirmary Girl who was saved by cold

BY KATE ALDERSON

THE father of Rachel Hally. the five-year-old girl who escaped the massacre because she was at home suffering from a cold, offered his sym-pathy to the bereaved families yesterday.

Graham Hally, a decorator, said he was overcome with

Fokker collapse hits Short jobs

The collapse of Fokker, the

Dutch group that is the world's largest maker of re-

feelings of personal relief mixed with terrible sadness for the parents of Rachel's classmates. "We are obviously grateful and relieved that Rachel was not at school that day but we are completely over-come by grief at the loss and injuries of the other children,"

Rachel, five, an only child,

visited Stirling Royal Infirma-ry with her parents yesterday She was the only child in Primary I to be off school last

Wednesday.

The Hally family live in Braemar Avenue, the same

street as the Currie family whose daughter, Melissa, was among those killed.

# Bruno fight attracts

#### heavyweight betting

By John Goodbody, sports news correspondent

A RECORD £10 million is expected to be wagered by British punters that Frank Bruno will successfully defend his world heavyweight boxing title against Mike Tyson in

Las Vegas.
The fight, which will be the first event to be shown in British homes on pay-per-view when it is screened at 4am tomorrow, has attracted huge support for Bruno. About 95 per cent of the bets in this country are on Bruno, who will earn £4 million from the bout compared with Tyson's

El6 million. Ian Wassells of Ladbrokes said: This is building up into the busiest betting fight ever." The previous record was in 1989 when Tyson stopped Bruno in their first fight, a year before the American lost his title to Buster Douglas in

The unimpressive form of Tyson since he was released from jail after serving three years for rape, and Bruno's

victory over Oliver McCall for the World Boxing Council title last September, have led many people to back the Briton, who yesterday weighed in at 17 stone 6lb, nearly two stone heavier than Tyson. However, Ladbrokes still make Bruno the 3-1 underdog, with Tyson quoted at 9-2 on.

About 5,000 Britons, including Bruno's wife, Laura, and their two older daughters. Nicola and Rachel, have arrived to support their man, who lost three world title fights before defeating McCall.

At the weigh-in, Bruno's supporters jeered Tyson and the controversial promoter, Don King, while singing He's Got the Whole World in His Hands. Many fans have been unable to get seats and will have to watch the fight on closed-circuit television.

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#### America leaves Adams in no doubt about ceasefire

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

Hillary Clinton set the tone

with an appeal for an end to

the violence at a black-tie dinner for nearly 1,000 promi-

SPURNED by the White House, Gerry Adams ended a two-day visit to Washington yesterday with demands for the restoration of the IRA ceasefire ringing in his ears.

The Times on the Internet http://www.the-times.co.uk



nent Irish-Americans where the Sinn Fein leader was a barely welcome guest. "The ceasefire must be re-

stored," the First Lady de-clared. The people of Northern Ireland have chosen peace. They have chosen dialogue over division. They should not be overruled by a small group who choose bloodshed and violence." Recalling the Clintons' trip

to Northern Ireland last November, she insisted: "We must not let those who have been hardened by the past hijack the future.".

John Bruton, the Irish Prime Minister, abandoned his prepared text to deliver an equally passionate appeal directed explicitly at the IRA's eight-member army council. He acknowledged that Union-

ists "belong" in Ireland, pleaded for compromise and negoti-ation, and proclaimed: "We don't need violence any more. That's why I say please, please, please to the IRA. Please restore the ceasefire."

Leading Irish-Americans left Mr Adams in no doubt that the invaluable political and financial support Sum Fein has enjoyed in America is now imperilled.

At the same American-Ireland Fund dinner last year Mr Adams was feted as a peacemaker. This year he was seated about as far as he could be from the head tables and was ignored by Mrs Clinton. Mr Bruton and the other dignitaries. David Trimble, the Ulster Unionist leader who made a late decision to attend, told reporters: "I'm not going to let the fact that one unmentionable has crawled into a corner of the room run

#### gional passenger jets, sent shockwaves through the British aerospace industry. Short Brothers of Belfast,

which made wings for Fok-ker, sent about 650 workers home and said that a further 400 or so jobs are likely to

disappear. Rolls-Royce, where job losses are possible but unlikely", supplied the planes' engines and will lose some £100 million in annual

#### Barings chief has his wings clipped Peter Baring, former chair-

man of Barings merchant bank, agreed with the Securi-ties and Futures Authority never to work again in the investment industry. His former deputy, Andrew Tuckey, is to restrict his City activities to corporate finance. The SFA has served disciplinary proceedings against a

number of former Barings executives Page 25 BUSINESS ...... 25-28,40,41 WEEKEND MONEY .. 29-39

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Did police know about killer's activities? What checks were made on his background?

# Judge will seek answers to gun permit questions

AND STEPHEN FARRELL

LORD CULLEN, the Scottish High Court judge leading the public inquiry on the shooting. began work yesterday as the the pressure increased for answers from police and the local authority about

As Lord Cullen met senior Scottish law officers to discuss his investigations officials were wairing for an announcement on the senior sheriff who will head the fatal accident inquiry on the deaths. He could open hearings within weeks, either sitting in Stirling or using a court in Glasgow or Edinburgh.

1974: Dismissed as a Scout leader after an outing to Aviemore. He claimed he

had taken eight boys to a

hostel. In fact they had slept

in the back of a van in

1977: Receives first firearms

certificate from police for a

0.22mm target pistol as a shooting club member. The

certificate was issued by the

chief constable of the Central

Scotland police or a senior

officer acting for him after

1980: Firearms certificate re-

newed by the force, which

also dealt with all of the later

1983: Firearms certificate re-

newed. Central region coun-

cil bans him from using

school premises for a youth

group. The Scotsman prints

first article on concerns over

1984: The Scotsman prints

second article on Hamilton's

activities. Ombudsman sup-

ports his appeal against the

1986: firearms certificate re-

newed and Hamilton adds a

semi-automatic rifle. Fife re-

gional council lets school

1988: Fails to rejoin the Scout

movement. Hands in senti-

automatic rifle after ban that

followed the Hungerford

massacre. Claims that two

Hamilton's boys' club.

council's decision.

gyms to him.

checks by junior officers.

freezing conditions.

public hearings as soon as possible. Both the Central Scotland police and the Central Regional Council are already being accused of hiding behind the two investigations rather than answer questions about their roles in Thomas Hamilton's life.

The fatal accident inquiry the equivalent of an inquest, will concentrate on the murders and Hamilton's background. The inquiry can make recommendations on school security, but Lord Cullen is more likely to look at the wider ramifications such as changes to the firearms laws. Lord Cullen and the sheriff

known pervert, Runs a club

at Linlithgow, Lothian, until the next year when the letting

is cancelled after concern

1989: Firearms certificate re-

newed. Mother says she

passed police a dossier about

Hamilton after becoming

concerned at treatment of

children at a summer camp.

Says the camp was raided at

one stage by police, an inves-

tigation held and 240 state-

ments were taken. No action.

She claims Hamilton tried to

threaten her with a gun and

1990-91: Hamilton asks Stir-

ling shop to process film of

boys. Police are told about

staff concerns. They now say

that any complaint would Dunblane police officers told have been investigated but basis of good references from

Strathclyde police he was a add: "Because apparently

she reported this to police.

from parents.

THOMAS HAMILTON: A CHRONOLOGY

are certain to focus on how Hamilton came to have and keep his weapons legally. His firearms certificate was renewed six times, although he was investigated by four forces and involved in disputes over his boys' clubs with three local councils.

The inquiry will have to examine how Hamilton was first given his certificate 18 years ago and there are many questions to answer, who did the checks on his background and what did they involve? Was it a local policeman in Stirling or someone from a central unit? Who was the counter-signatory? Did the

none of the pictures was of an

obscene nature any prosecu-

tion would have been ex-

1992: Firearm certificate re-

newed. Fife regional council decides to stop letting school

premises to Hamilton after

complaints and concerns

about video filming of boys.

No evidence of illegality but

the council felt something

1993-94: Police reported to

have made two inquiries into

1993: Mother complains to

police after Hamilton found

taking photos of 8-year-old boy in school gym. Material

passed to police child protec-tion unit. Family say Procu-rator Fiscal's office decided

not to prosecute. In Septem-

ber Central regional council

warns staff dealing with

Hamilton to contact legal

administration department.

1994: Lothian police caurion

Hamilton after he is found in

a comprising position with a

young man in the Carlton Hill, Edinburgh.

1995: Firearms certificate re-

newed so that Hamilton has

permission for two pistols, a Browning and a .357 revolv-

er, plus two more handguns. In autumn, Strathclyde re-

gional council allows letting

to run a football club at

school in Bishopbriggs on

responsible people.

Hamilton,

tremely difficult to prove."

about the fact Hamilton had been thrown out of the Scouts and did this raise any doubts?

The inquiry must then examine how the certificate was renewed when Hamilton was at the centre of allegations over his treatment of boys and was investigated by police several times. Colin Green-wood, editor of Guns Review. said: The certificates are very hard to get and very easy to lose." He added that certificates could be revoked at any

Mr Greenwood, a former police firearms expert, said in situations where there is concern the owner is ordered to deposit his guns with a dealer. This happens, for example, when police are called to a domestic dispute and the wife says her husband has

weapons. Hamilton is reported to have threatened one woman who says she reported this to the police, yet he kept his certificate and was allowed to increase the number of guns

Government guidance to police on the current Firearms Act says a certificate should only be issued if the police are confident there is no threat to public safety or peace. The holder must not be intemperate or of unsound mind or unfit for any other reason to hold a certificate.

The inquiry will have to decide how the guidance was interpreted in Hamilton's case. What was the process for renewing the certificates and were fresh checks carried out each time? Who were the referees for Hamilton and what did they know? Did the police who issued

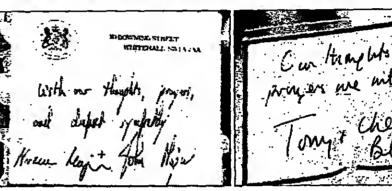
the certificates know about the allegadons made against Hamilton and police investi-gations and did any of the local authorities who became concerned about Hamilton tell the police?

Did the Central Scotland police have any way of linking the allegations and incidents involving Hamilton with the office issuing his certificate and if they did, what were the criteria for issuing his licence? He was authorised to keep

guns used in the shootings.



John and Norma Major arriving at the school yesterday with Tony Blair. They added to the profusion of flowers and, below, left messages of sympathy



#### United in fatherly sorrow

BY ALICE THOMSON

JOHN MAJOR and Tony Blair yesterday shared the grief of Dunblane when they laid flowers in memory of those who died. The Prime Minister placed yellow and white tulips and roses among two 357 revolvers and two the other flowers. Mr Blair - School they met the headmas-9mm pistols, thought to be the laid a pink and white bouquet ter. Ron Taylor, and saw the

classmates. Yesterday the two men were not politicians but fathers showing compassion for the bereaved. There were no soundbites or eloquently crafted words as they shivered in the bitter easterly wind.

among the teddy bears left by gym, where dust-sheets hid

the blood-spanered floor. They saw the child-height bullet holes and the dented wall bars where climbing children had been picked off. Mr Major praised the staff

in trailing sentences: "I don't think it is possible to put into words what they had to deal have seen for ourselves the

'A model member who was very safe'

GUN CLUBS

By Stephen Farrell

LEADING member of Thomas Hamilton's gun club last night said police supervised enthusiasts in Stirling to the letter" of the law. George Smith, president of the Srirling Rifle and Pistol Club. said Central Scotland Police followed Home Office rules minutely in checking up on firearm certificate holders.

Hamilton applied for a licence in 1977 as a member of the Dunblane Small Bore Rifle Association. In the 1970s Hamilton could have obtained a certificate without providing a photograph but then, as now needed the signature of a prominent local citizen such as a doctor, justice of the peace, lawyer or school governor. Mr Smith said.

Central Scotland Police require the weapons to be kept in a locked box inside a locked steel cabinet or safe secured to either the wall or floor, he said. Police sometimes ran checks with Mr Smith, who has been president for two years, on the suitability of members, but did not check Hamilton.

Mr Smith said a knowledgeable civilian officer had been replaced by two uniformed officers to make the checks because of pressure of work:
"[The Home Office] are asking the police to do an almost impossible task with a lot fewer people.

Although the Callendar Rifle and Pistol Club nearby turned Hamilton down, saying he appeared unsuitable. Mr Smith insisted he filled all the criteria of club membership. "He was very safe, he didn't do anything stupid or get into arguments. He was a model member. He behaved himself, he was always very careful. You couldn't fault him. It is very hard for anyone to say this guy is going to go 4, off the rails in so many years.

Mr Smith said the club secretary, Gordon Crawford, suffered a "nervous breakdown" after hearing of the tragedy and the club had been Many members had felt like

#### Cash pours in from a world shocked by massacre

By CAROL MIDGLEY AND LINDSAY COOK

DONATIONS were made from across the world yesterday to appeal funds set up in the wake of the Dunblane

Several appeals have been launched. Duoblane primary's school board and parent teacher association has opened a joint account at the Bank of Scotland to channel money into the school. The Bereaved Families Fund in Stirling, which is providing immediate practical help for the victims' relatives and has offered to pay funeral costs where needed, had already received more than THE APPEAL

£10,000 yesterday. Its chairman Tony Black said: "Several fuods have been established and we are not in

The local newspaper, the Stirling Observer, which established the first appeal fund after the shootings, raised £7,000 in its first few hours.

Sir John Gorst, a Conservative member of the Heritage Select Committee, is to ask the National Lottery Charities Board to consider setting aside money that could be drawn upon by communities in times of exceptional need. The City

demonstrated its generosity when businessmen and women attending a dirmer oo Thursday night donated £13,377.60 to the Dunblane appeal. The guests at the Coopers & Lybrand PLC Awards, organised in association with The Times. were asked to dig deep by the oewspaper's editor. Peter Stothard. Yesterday Coopers & Lybrand topped op the

donation to £15,000. Dooations can be sent to: The Be-reaved Families Fund at the Royal Bank of Scotland, sort code 83-48-00, account number 00 11 96 56. The PTA School Board Fund is at the Bank of Scotland, 63 High Street, Dunblane, Central, FKI5



Guests at the Coopers & Lybrand awards last night

#### The light beyond

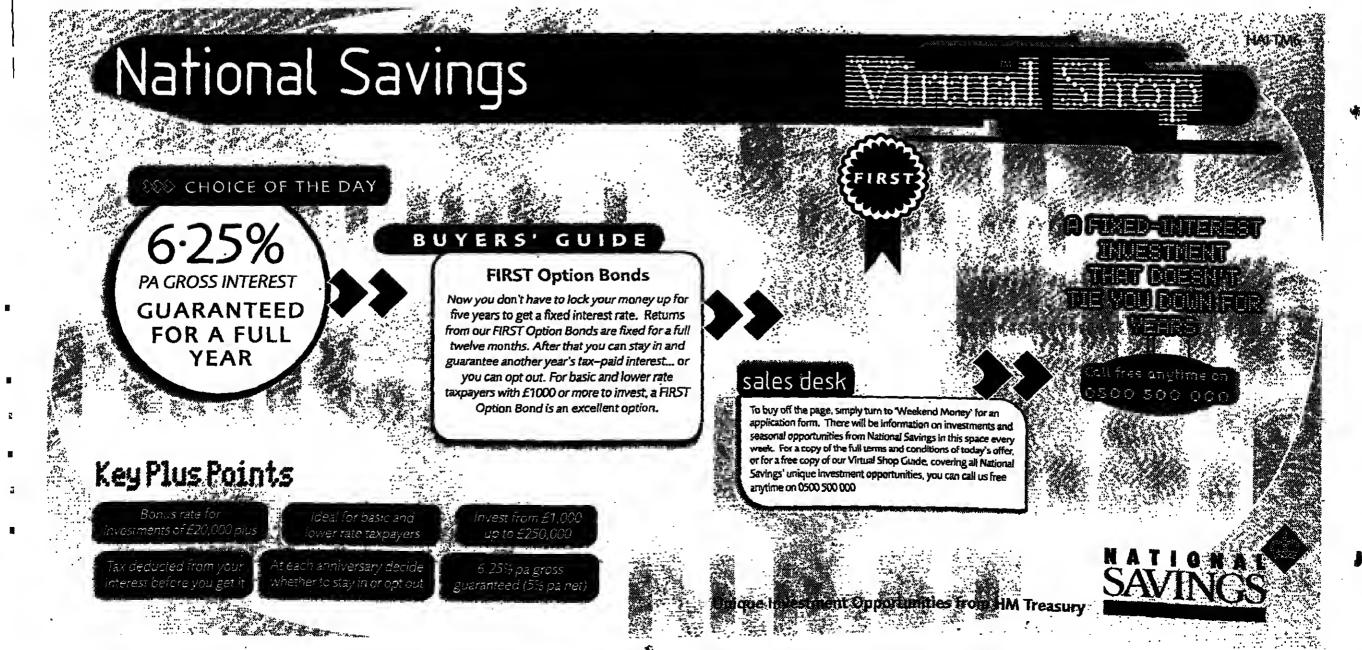
town's teenagers. Three of them stood in front of the altar and gave a reading about coming through a tempest and finding the light beyond.

"I think this vigil was an opportunity for people to express themselves, to affirm their Christian faith and to minister to one another." he said. This is a very strong and deeply religious community." His theme was simply stated: "God made the little ones and loved their pre-CIOUSTICSS.

As Catholic chaplain to

Dunblane Primary, he had been one of the first on the scene with the parents when he heard the news of the shooting. "They were all dreading what they would hear. I shall never forget that morning," he said. Still clearly moved, he ges-

tured towards a small bundle of cards stacked in front of the altar in his church. They were messages of love and sympathy from the primary school at nearby Falkirk. "It's going to take a better man than me to. open them," he said.



# 'As I walked in, there were bodies everywhere. They just died where they stood'

Wilma Duggan, the senior nurse on Wednesday

# Nothing can prepare you for this, says doctor

STIRLING ROYAL INFIRMARY

One of the two wounded teachers who survived the gym

learnt how many children had died. Speaking from ber

hospital bed, Mary Blake, a special needs assistant, was described as "one of the luckiest women alive" by her surgeon after being hit by a bullet behind the ear and

"I'm feeling better. I don't think I have come to terms with it yet but I'm feeling physically much, much better," she said.

"I dido" actually know how many children had died or that the other teacher had died so it has been quite horrendous. It

will never be forgotten but I hope thiogs will get back to

suffering injuries to each leg.

pointing and saying 'that child, and that child, and that

'We are trained and it's my

job, but nothing can prepare you for this. I can't believe

acre told yesterday of the horreodous moment wheo she

A DOCTOR who was among the first to enter the school gymnasium spoke yesterday of how she overcame her horror at the scene of the Dunblane massacre to tend to the injured children.

Brenda Fleming, an accident and emergency consul-tant at Stirling Royal Infirmary, paid tribute to the teachers who helped to comfort children as she decided how to begin treating them.

"As I walked in, the teacher who died and a young girl were just at my feet. There were bodies everywhere. They just died where they stood.

The rest of the room was sprayed with bodies, it didn't look as though they'd survived long enough to move an arm or a leg. In the other room there were children less seriously injured who were sitting crying and being hugged by

"If somebody had said 'Stop filming, this is a Holly-wood set,' I would have believed them. It was so unreal.

Staff at the hospital were Miss Fleming was close to tears as she told of how she deeply affected by the tragedy. Miss Fleming said. There are checked children's pulses. "We a lot of broken people in the checked the dead for signs of life. You have a quick look hospital. I've found people crying in the corridors and round and then you go to the ones who are alive and sort they've just hugged each out your priorities.
"I was just walking round

Medical staff at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cam-

one with them.

normal in time. It will be very, very difficult but hopefully, in time." Elleen Harild, the other teacher injured in the shooting, is being treated for limb woonds.

hridge, had rung to say that if every member of staff in

Stirling's casualty department Each injured child was takwanted to go to a memorial en out, accompanied by a teacher, Miss Fleming said. service for the victims, the Addenbrooke's staff would travel up to cover for them at the hospital, Miss Fleming The teachers were distraught, but they were superb. Every injured child had some-

Wilma Duggan was the senior nurse in the accident and emergency department when the children were brought in.

They were just so small and pale. So wee. Nothing could prepare me for that, Mrs Duggan said.

She was coping as well as she could with her terrible experience, but admitted: After my shift I went home and cried.

The hospital chaplain, the

yesierday's visii by John Maor and Tony Blair had been a tremendous help for the staff. They were very good, very human. You realised that they genuinely huri for us." he

The chaplain, who has been counselling the families of the victims, said that the fact that the Prime Minister and the Opposition leader had come to the hospital together, leaving politics aside, had really moved and pleased all of them. That very senior polin-cians could care enough to come helps them to know that they are not being left.

Mr Major said he would do all he could in Parliament Dunblane. We only had to ask," Mr Benson said.

Staff, who included paramedics, nurses, doctors and even telephone operators, had gathered in a room at the infirmary to meet the politicians. All the staff have been moved by the recogninon of the horrific task they have had to face in coping with the aftermath of the shootings, the chaplain said.

The focus of the world nn the city at this time was a help to the families and the staff in their grief. Mr Benson said. But t hope now Dunblane will be left alone and people will leave us to get over it



Brenda Fleming, a consultant, praised the teachers

# Village grieves for Sunday school girls

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH

THE first funeral will take place on Monday when two girls who were close friends will be buried in the neighbouring village of Bridge of Allan. The Church of Scotland funeral of Emma Crozier and Joanna Ross will begin at

Joanna's father, Kenneth Ross, said: "She was the apple of my eye. She was just snapped away. I just can't believe it." The Rev William Gilmour, the church's minister, said that he had lost three linle girls from his Sunday school class of 20. The funeral of the third, Victoria Clydes-

dale, will be held on Tuesday. Mr Gilmour said: They were bright little girls, wee sparklers, little buttons. The congregation derived great pleasure from them. Everyone in the church knew them and knew their families. They will

be greatly missed."
The Rev Colin McIntosh. the minister of Dunblanc Cathedral, said that up to six funerals would be conducted next week at the cathedral. The services at different churches are being arranged to ensure that they do not coincide, so that the families and friends of the dead children can anend each other's

It is expected that the funer-

#### THE FUNERALS

als of all 16 children killed by Thomas Hamilton will be held before Dunblane Primary School reopens next Friday.

Mr Gilmour said that he would conduct a service at 11.15am on Sunday at which he would address the Sunday school class. "I don't want to make it another funeral service, but it will give the congregation a tangible opportunity for an outpouring of their grief and a chance to

support the families.

I will be trying to explain to the children what has happened. We won't hide the facts from the children: they are often much more resilient than we think and able to handle grief and tragedy bet-ter than we sometimes allow."

Mr Gilmour said that he had visited the families of the three dead girls. "We are just trying to support them and share in their great sadness. There are no words. You just have to be there to share their grief and weep with those

who weep'."

He said there would be more visits to the families after the funerals have been held. There will be a need to unwind. Normal life goes on but it will be very hard for them when the other children return to school. In Emma's

much younger, but they still sense a loss in the house. The parents still have to care for and guard the younger ones."

Mr McIntosh said: "People have been pouring in to all the churches in Dunblane. But that is not unusual. The cathedral has a congregation of 1,300 and the church and community are closely related.

"A number of my congregaaffected by the tragedy. The questions haven't really come et. There is still a great sens of numbress and shock. The children are coming into the church and saying childlike things. They are thinking about their friends.

Local florists have called for assistance from shops as far away as Edinburgh to cope with the huge demand for flowers. Hundreds of bouquets have been left at the school. A spokeswoman for McIntyre Funeral Directors, the only undertaker in Dunblane, said it would arrange many of the funerals.

We are doing what we can There have been offers of help from undertakers all over the place. Everyone has been very helpful. A lot of the timings still have to be worked out but we are hoping most of the funerals will be over by

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#### Child with shattered thigh put back in intensive care

By A STAFF REPORTER

A GIRL aged five who was injured in the Dunblane massacre was critically ill in a Glasgow hospital last night. Amie Adam, whose thigh was shanered by a bullet, col-lapsed at lunchtime at Ynrkhill hospital and was put on a life-support machine.

Doctors were releasing only general medical facts about Amie's conditinn at the request of her parents. Dr Alister Miller, the medical director, said: "She is again seriously ill and has been returned to the injensive care unit. This is disappointing after she had made such excellent progress after her initial treatment." Dr Müler said she was

having some routine attention to the plaster on her leg when she became unwell. "Her colour changed and she was gering rather breathless, so now she is receiving support

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Amie: critically ill

with her breathing on a ventilator," he added.

It is understood that bone marrow seeping into Amie's bloodstream may have caused the relapse. On Wednesday night she underwent emergency surgery on her leg at Yorkhill. On Thursday she was moved nut of intensive care to an orthopaedic ward and was said to be making

good progress. Toys and flowers for Amie and her two classmates at the hospital have been flooding in. Hospital staff said: "Gifts for the children have been coming us all day from businesses and local people in Glasgow just bears, toy cars for the boys and a Barbie doll for little Amie. The setback in Amie's recovery left friends and neighbours reeling."

A woman neighbour said:

When is the heartache going to stop for everyone? I used to see Amie most mornings going to school or at weekends skipping about. She was a lovely young girl - just a poor wee soul without a care in the

☐ A fat embolism is a recognised complication of injuries in which bones are shattered (Jeremy Laurence writes). Bone marrow seeps into the blood and the droplets are carried round the bloodstream until they become lodged in the vessels supplying the lung.
Professor Donald Barltrop,

head of child health at the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, London, said: There is a lot of fatty material in the marrow which can seep out. This can happen in leg fractures. It is carried to the lungs and it will block the capillaries in the same way that a blood clot formed during surgery on the leg can travel to the lung and block a

higger vessel."
"This is called a deep vein thrombosis which leads to a pulmonary embolism (blockage of the pulmonary artery supplying the lungs) but it is

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#### Parents will be free to visit death scene before pupils return next Friday

# Gym where killer struck may become memorial garden

By Stephen Farrell

THE children of Dunblang Primary School will go back to lessons next Friday, nine days after the massacre, governors gymnasium will be kept open for parents to visit, then is expected to be demolished and turned into a permanent me-morial garden for the dead.

Many children have spoken of their fear of re-entering the gym and parents and pupils have asked that it be pulled

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by Michael Robbins, chairman of the school's board of governors, after staff meetings yesterday. Mr Robbins and other governors spoke of the sombre mood as John Major and Tony Blair went inside the gymnasium for a few minutes, then emerged to express their

sympathy to staff. He acknowledged the Prime Minister's expressed wish to see the gymnasium demolished, but said its future had been the subject of "huge discussions" and no immediate decision would be taken.

What we are keen not to do is to create a terror zone," he said. "We do not want to block THE SCHOOL

off the grieving process. The school will be open and available to those parents and immediate relatives who feel the need to go into the gym. Quite a few families have expressed that wish," Mr Rob-

bins said. "Our view, having spoken to quite a few people is that it ought to remain for a period of time to give people the opportunity to go into it to use it as a focal point of grief. Once the end date has been put on that process we feel that the gym really should be demolished."

Mr Major has said that government funds will be available to pull down the gymnasium and more importantly to redevelop it.

Mr Robbins said: "We want to move away from the idea of a granite slab. One of the ideas is that we have some form of garden area, quiet area for children to reflect in, and some form of play area."

Staff will go in on Thursday next week to lay down ground rules for the children's first day back, and receive whatever practical assistance they need. Counselling will be

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There has been a great deal of discussion about the children's return, and the best advice has been to get them back for a single day and then allow them the weekend off to come back for the following veek," Mr Robbins said.

Ann Hill, chief executive of the Scottish Schools Board. said: "It will never be normal but you have to get it as near as you possibly can. It will be a normal school day, the parents will drop their children off and they will be met by the teachers they already know."

The school board has also

recommended the redecora-

tion of the entire school.

Windows in the gymnasium and other classrooms which were shattered by bullets still need to be repaired and bullet holes in walls to be filled in. Gordon Jeyes, who takes over as leader of the new Stirling council on April 1, said: "Whatever happens to the gym, it is now a special

place, and whatever its use it will remain a special place." Gerry McDermott, spokes man for the school board, said the visit by Mr Major and Mr

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#### Christian faith lights path from the desolate darkness of evil

David Hope

SOMETIMES the world seems so full of violence and horror, of lives wickedly and pointlessly destroyed, that we despair. Faced with such fragility of life and the apparent randomness of evil, can we make any sense of it at

The immense tragedy of Dunblane drives us to pause, to stop and to be - a silence that is multifaceted. Deep anguish over the lives cut short. Deep sorrow for those suddenly and cruelly thrust into bereavement. Deep anger at the man who perpetrated this crime. Deep penitence that this was what our society had come

My own mind turned at once to that account in the Gospel of Matthew immediately following that of Our Lord's Nativity - the Massacre of the Innocents

by a violent and vicious Herod with its precedent in the slaughter of the first-born by Pharoah, King of Egypt.
The Bible is no stranger

to tragedy, to the wicked and evil ways of burnanity, to that evil which smoulders within and which once indulged is able to unleash forces so uncontrollable that they become inhuman, even "demonic". The price of human free-

dom is ever the risk of wickedness and evil. Any murder is abhorrent, that of a child doubly so. A child is a symbol of hope, a fresh start, new possibilities, a life uncluttered by the failures

and the wounds and the deep resentments we adults carry. It seems so cruelly unfair to extinguish such a source of

And a child by definition is vulnerable, dependent, 185 to trust Infanticide, the ultimate human abuse of that vulnerability, shocks us to the core.

. The Massacre of the Innocents poses deep and searching questions which defy any glib answer, which almost defy any response at all. They challenge faith to the roots: faith in God, faith in each other.

faith in ourselves, faith in humanity.

How can you still believe in a loving and caring God if He allows such things to happen? Theologians down the ages have wrestled with such basic and fundamental questions, which lie at the very beart of our existence — the mystery of life and death, of good and evil. of tragedy and triumph.

Such evil as this exposes sharply the limitations of our self-understanding: it punctures the pride of our armogant assurance and lavs bare the raw frustration and helplessness which we experience.

Is there nothing at all that can be said, no word spoken, so that we are left in a vacuum of desolation and hopelessness? Christian

speaks of God's Word spoken to us in Jesus Christ the Word made flesh. It is, I believe, this enfleshed Word who Himself experiences the heartbreak and the dereliction and the agony in Gethsemane, echoed on the Cross as He helplessly cries out "My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?" to which apparently there is no response, no inswer, only silence.

The Innocent is crucified. led as a lamb to the slaughter, done to death, and there is no rational ex-

planation, only the fact that God so loves the world. It is only the mystery of the suffering and death of Jesus Christ, in the stark symbol of the Cross, that addresses the contradiction of the presence of

evil in a world created and sustained by a living and loving God. God. who has seemed so distant, even absent, is actually Himself bearing the pain, within our grief and our sorrow.

More than that, even in this tragedy, He speaks to us of life through death, of the final victory over wickedness and evil. already accomplished in Jesus Christ, a sure sign of hope in a dark and troubled

□ Dr David Hope is the Archbishop of York

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# Solicitor convicted of assaulting rich client's wife

Chubb: ordered to pay £1,000 compensation

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Her husband, 43, who owns

Harold Supplies plc. which

has a £4 million turnover.

emphasised that although it was she who had decided to

proceed with the prosecution

he was pleased that she had

Last night the Law Society's

solicitors' complaints bureau

indicated that Mr Chubb's

career could be severely dam-

aged by the verdict. A spokes-

man said: The papers in the

case will be referred to our

conduct committee and itsis for

them to decide whether the

solicitor needs to be referred

Mr Chubb, 52, of Barnes,

A SOLICITOR who rugbytackled the wife of a wealthy client and pinned her to his office floor was convicted of assault and false imprisonment yesterday after a private prosecution brought by his

Allen Chubb, a senior partner at his practice in Belgravia, London, slumped to his seat in the dock before being ordered to pay her £1,000 in compensation at Inner London Crown Court. His victim, Laura Harold said that she was delighted with

the 10-2 majority verdict.

As her family gathered for a celebration at Annabel's nightclub in London, Mrs Harold, 32, was heading for Heathrow in a chauffeur-driven Bentley to catch a flight to Rome, where she has a pre-arranged group audience with the Pope. She left before the jury re-turned but her husband told her the result in a telephone

She was attacked in an interview room at the offices of Child & Child after a dispute over the title deeds to the £1 million house in Chester Square, Belgravia, where she lives with her husband, the property developer and industrialist Michael Harold.

Mrs Harold, a Roman Catholic who spent much of the five-day hearing holding her rosary beads, said afterwards: "I took this case ecause I wanted people in a similar position to be protected by the law of this country. I have no feeling of vengeance

standing. He could be reprimanded, suspended or even struck off. He threw Mrs Harold, who

is 5ft 2in and weighs 74 stone. out of his office and down a flight of three steps on April 28 last year after she refused to leave when he declined to hand over the title deeds of the couple's unmortgaged house. He is off 3in. His action followed a dis-

Legal firm's partner could be struck off after rugby tackle prosecution

pute between Child & Child and Mr Harold over the payment of a £3,500 bill for conveyancing work which Mr Harold alleges was negligent. When she returned a moment later to retrieve her fur coat, which had fallen off in

the fracas. he rugby-tackled her to the ground and pinned her down for five minutes, having called the police. The Crown Prosecution Ser-

vice, which had declined to prosecute, said it had decided that there was "insufficient evidence for a realistic prospect of conviction based on the documents available to the reviewing lawyers at that

Judge Roderick Adams told Chubb: "I recognise these convictions might have serious repercussions on your professional life. The jury have found by their verdict that you used too much force in removing Mrs Harold and improperly restrained her when you had no right to do

The judge ordered Mr Chubb to pay £500 on each



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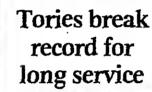
count in compensation to Mrs a partner for Child & Child Harold and £1,000 towards the cost of the prosecution. The costs had been estimated at more than £40,000 each for both Mrs Harold and Mr Chubb. He will have to pay his

Mr Chubb has practised as

since 1974. The firm advertises itself as a "comprehensive and

friendly legal service". During his time as a special constable he became a divisional officer - equivalent to the rank of inspector in the force, and made more than 50 arrests. He received several commendations, including one from Scotland Yard.

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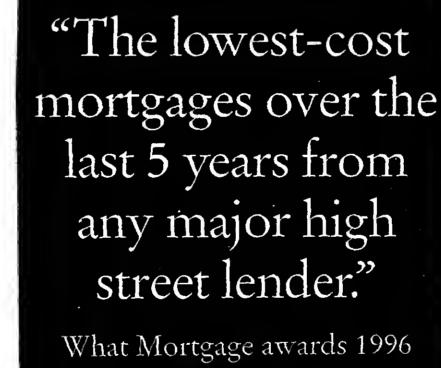
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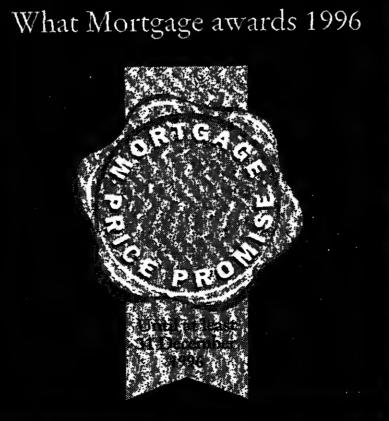
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# Labour sets out pension savings plan for everyone

By PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

PROPOSALS to allow everyone to save for a substantial second pension in addition to the existing state scheme are shortly to be unveiled by Labour. The scheme is intended to reduce the cost of providing for the growing population or pensioners.

Chris Smith, the Shadow Social Security Secretary, is close to finalising his plan, which would enable individuals to build up their own savings within a range of funds run by various organisations, including existing private pension providers. It would allow people to put the 4.8 per cent of National Insurance contributions they are already required to make to a second pension into the new scheme and top it up with voluntary payments.

The heavy private involvement in running the scheme and its collective strength would give it an independence which Serps, the state earnings related pension scheme, has lacked, the leadership believes. It would drive down administrative costs to such a level that the scheme would easily compete with personal pension plans. Labour believes it could also prove a viable alternative to occupa-

tional schemes. The plan - containing elements similar to schemes already in place in Finland, Chile and Australia - will be the centrepiece of Labour's strategy to combat the burgeoning cost of retirement, as

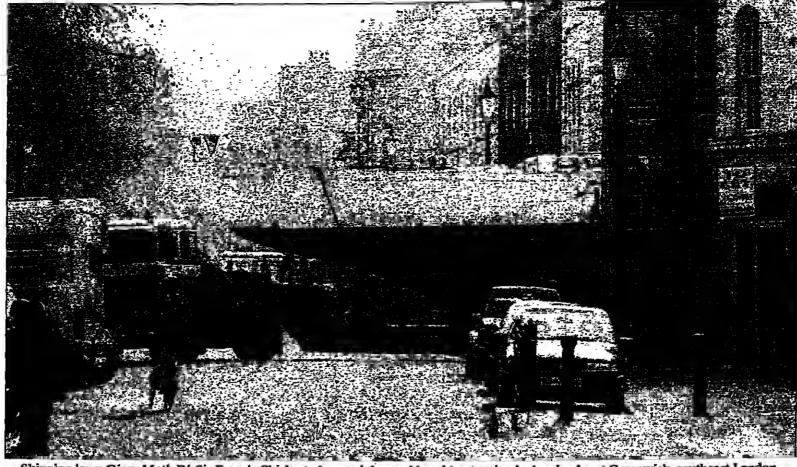
struggles to support increasing numbers of pensioners. Under the scheme insurance companies, employers, friendly societies and other groups would be able to apply to run "cross-industry" plans similar to those in Australia.

One idea Mr Smith intends to adopt is the Singapore practice of keeping investors regularly informed about the state of their holding, what it is earning at present and its projected value at retirement. It is anticipated that the existing Serps scheme will be allowed to run alongside the new one so that current investors do not feel they have wasted their contributions.

Mr Smith is expected to begin outlining his plans in a series of speeches, the first on March 26. Over the next three months he will be presenting five papers on reform of the welfare state to Labour's national policy forum.

Labour leaders are sure they can produce a bener return than personal pensions, which the Government encouraged people to choose in the 1980s. Mr Smith believes that his second-tier scheme can help individuals by allowing them to have their own savings in collective funds, keeping costs low.

Some personal pension schemes have administrative costs as high as 25 per cent; overseas plans similar to the plan Labour has in mind have costs as low as I or 2 per cent.



Shipping lane: Gipsy Moth IV, Sir Francis Chichester's round-the-world yacht, returning by low-loader at Greenwich, southeast London, yesterday after a refit at Gosport, Hampshire. Damage caused by acid rain and tourist visits took nine months to repair and cost £30,000

#### Daffodil prices shoot up as big freeze delays flowering

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY AND OLIVER AUGUST

DAFFODILS have more than doubled in price in the run-up to Mothering Sunday because of a shortage caused by cold weather and strong foreign demand.

Last month daffodil growers opposed suggestions that Mother's Day be moved to May, in line with other European countries. They feared their business would suffer because May is too late for daffodils.

They were selling for up to £2.50 for a bunch of ten of Spalding, Lincolnshire, yesterday, compared with said: "Basically, there will not

about £1 at this time last year. and in Southampton there has been a spate of daffodil thefts from municipal parks. In East Anglia, which

grows about two thirds of the national daffodil crop, there are almost no pickers in the fields because freezing temperatures have delayed flowering. The Cornish crop. which supplies the early market, is nearly exhausted. Ed Bowman, general manager, of the wholesalers Linearden

be enough daffodils to go

round this weekend."

Britain grows 10,000 acres of daffodils, more than the rest of the world put together. When the crop falls short here, the prices paid by foreign buyers rise sharply, diverting supplies abroad.

But daffodils are by oo means the most popular gift. Angela Henderson, of Interflora, said: "Chrysanthemums, carnations and roses, particularly in pink, easily top the list, followed by freesias because of their strong scent."

#### £90,000 award for teacher hit in classroom

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

TWO primary school teachers have each won damages approaching £100,000 for iniuries suffered in attacks that highlight the growing concern over classroom violence.

In the first case, to be detailed next week, a Coventry teacher who was assaulted by a boy aged nine accepted an out-of-court settlement of £82,500 from her education authority. The other award was £97,000 to a teacher in Hereford and Worcester manhandled by a parent.

The payments mark a new phase in the teaching unions' campaign to ensure their members' safety. The number of classroom assaults has risen rapidly in recent years and the issue will feature strongly at next month's conferences.

The Criminal Injuries Compensation Board sanctioned the £97,457 payment to a man aged 35 who has not worked since he was attacked in 1990. The teacher, who wants to remain anonymous, was pinned against a plate-glass the parent of a boy who had consistently failed to wear a

The National Union of Teachers, which took up the case, said the parent shouted abuse and threatened further violence after his son had been warned that the tracksuit he

wore to school each day was smelly. Although the police took no action, his case was referred to the compensation board when he was unable to return to work.

The teacher, whose wife is expecting a baby, has been under constant medication. suffering paranoia and psychotic episodes. His award is thought to be the biggest made for an attack on a teacher.

The other case, settled in January, involved an incident seven years ago at Frederick Bird School, Coventry. Hazel Spence-Young was injured when she tried to persuade a boy with a history of behavioural problems to return to class after he refused to take part in a lesson. After shouting abuse at Mrs Spence-Young. he hit her under the chin. She still has difficulty moving her

The National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, which is to give details of the case on Tuesday, took action against the education authority cause the assailant was below the age of criminal responsibility. Cathy Goodwin, Coventry's Chief Education Officer, said that the authority was not admitting responsibility, but a protracted court case would not have benefited either

#### NEWS IN BRIES P&0 ferry captain 'took his own life'

The captain lost overboard from the European Tideway between Rotterdam and Felixstowe on Thursday is believed to have killed himself. P&O Eoropean Ferries said the loss of Captain John Carroll, 51, "appeared to be a

personal tragedy.

He joined P&O 25 years ago and became a captain in 1991. He was married with adult children and lived at Bury St Edmunds. Soffolk.

#### Police fiver

Hampstead police in north Loodoo are asking 200 busi-nesses to pay £5 a year to give a beat officer a mobile phooe and allow him to respood in-stantly to their calls for help. Glenda Jacksoo, the area's MP, fears the plao could lead to a two-tier service.

#### Wheels of fortune

Thieves jacked op 54 oew cars in the compood of a Ford dealer at Worksop. Nothing-bamshire, stole wheels worth £25,000 and left the vehicles propped on bricks. A spokesman said: The culprits did us the coortesy of putting the wheel-locking oots back on."

#### Just the ticket

Job seekers in the South Wales valleys are being offered half-price rail tickets to Cardiff in a scheme ruo by Cardiff Railway Company and the Employment Service. The aim is to belp them to find work in the expaoding Car-diff Bay development area.

#### Taxi death crash

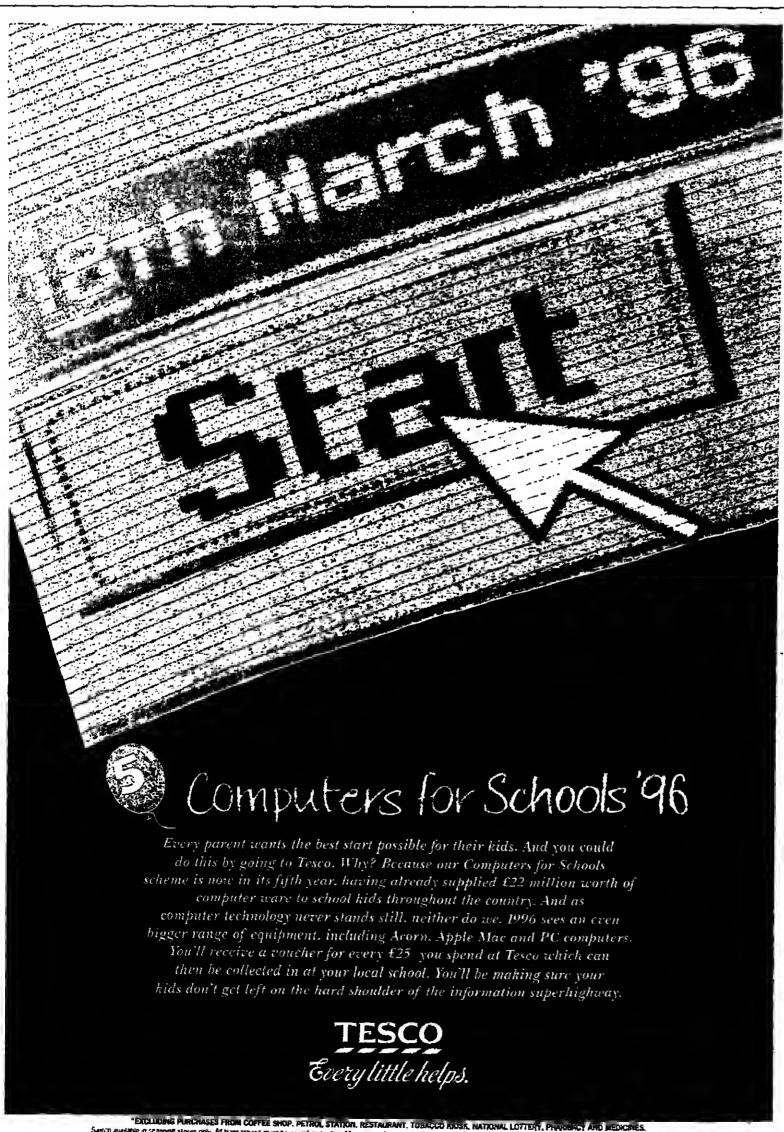
A passenger died in hospital after being pulled from a taxi that had careered off the road and crashed into the River Stort. Carol Watkin-son, 23, of Sawbridgeworth. Hertfordshire, was trapped in the opturned, submerged car for 40 mioutes.

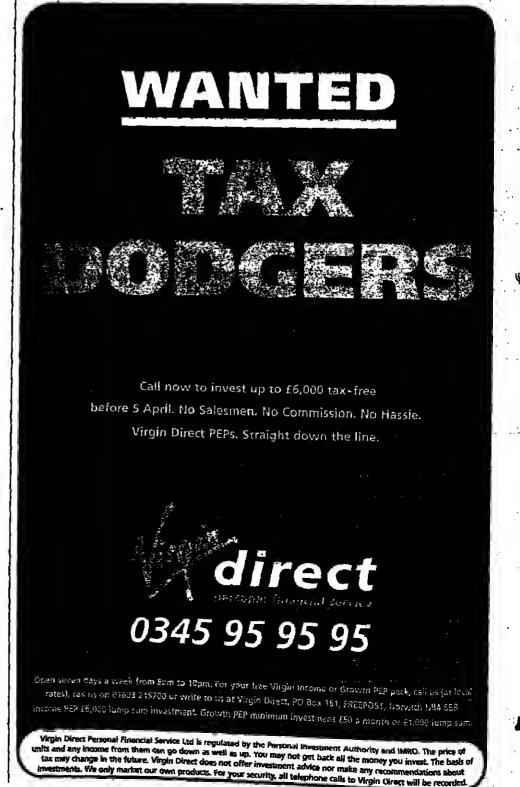
#### Beach clean-up

A clean-up of beathes along a 25-mile stretch of the Irish coast began after oil came (ashore at Co. Wexford thought to be from the Sea Empress wreck off the Welsh: coast last month. The local authority said there was no immediate danger to wildlife.

#### Radio silence

Amateur disc jockeys at Crawley Hospital, West Sussex, have been broadcasting ooaware that patients could oot bear them because dilapidated equipment had blacked out the signal. The radio station is now moving to a venoe with oew equipment.





Multimillionaire twins launch challenge to feudal rule over their tiny Channel property

# Seigneur of Sark resists brothers' independence bid

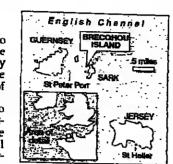
THE Seigneur of Sark is to contest an attempt by the multimillionaire Barclay twins to declare independence for the tiny Channel island of

The reclusive brothers, who bought the island on a perpet-ual lease for £2.3 million three years ago, will ask the Royal Court of Guernsey to determine the constitutional position of Brecqhou next week. If the court rules in their favour, they could claim back a £177,000 sale tax paid to the Seigneur.

The island, 1,000 yards long, has been part of the fieldom of Sark since 1565, when Elizabeth 1 allowed its colonisation to stop pirates using it as a haven. It is separated from Sark by a channel 100 yards wide. David and Frederick Barclay. owners of The Scotsman and The European, have installed an independent water and electricity supply on Brecqhou, where they are building a £25 million Gothic mansion.

Michael Beaumont, the Seigneur, was served with a writ of summons at the harbourside as he boarded a boat to Guernsey for a fumeral this week. "The Barclay brothers are claiming that Breeqhou is constitutionally separate from Sark and they are filing their case at the court next week,"

Mr Beaumont said.
I hold the island for the Crown and up till now no one has questioned that Brecqhou is part of the fief of Sark. We will defend that position." Mr Beaumont inherited his title from his grandmother, the Dame of Sark, who survived the Nazi occupation of the Channel Islands during the Second World War and who died in 1974. "The relationship



seems very silly to challenge it

repaid," Mr Beaumont said. The fiefdom of Sark is

deputies to Sark's Parliament. the Chief Pleas, said that Sark's 550 islanders were furi-ous about the brothers' legal challenge. They want to build. their own little fieldom on Breeqhou and be completely separate from everyone else," she said. The Barclay brothers are represented by Strappini Havard and Co, a firm of Guernsey solicitors. A spokes-



Elizabeth allocated Breeqhou to the Seigneur of Sark, a title that passed to Michael Beaumont

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between Sark and Brecqhou has lasted perfectly well for more than 400 years and it

now," Mr Beaumont said. When the 61-year-old brothers bought the island they paid a feudal property tax to Mr Beaumont, which they are claiming should be repaid. The treizième tax, paid to the Seigneur when a property within the fieldom is sold, is a thirteenth of the price. "Their primary case is the constitutional position, but if they prove that Brecqhou is separate from Sark, then that money might have to be

owned by the Crown but let on a perpetual tenancy to the Seigneur, whose duties include maintaining 40 strong men with muskets to defend the territory. Historical documents show that Breeqhou was once separate from Sark. Papers from 1160 include the island within a Jersey fieldom. Jennifer Cochrane, one of 12



Brecqhou, which is 1,000 yards long, has been in the fiefdom of Sark since 1565. Elizabeth I allowed it to be colonised to stop pirates hiding there. Separated from Sark by 100 yards of water, it once belonged to Jersey





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Sark's ultimate court of appeal is the judicial commit-

tee of the Privy Council, ac-

cording to the Home Office. "We are aware that an action is being brought in relation to

reclaiming the treizième tax and seeking a declaration on

the constitutional position of

Brecchon," a Home Office

The Barclays were born in London of Scottish parents

and left school to train as estate agents. In the 1960s one

of their early business ven-tures was to buy boarding

houses in Bayswater and turn

Their present fortune is

largely derived from property

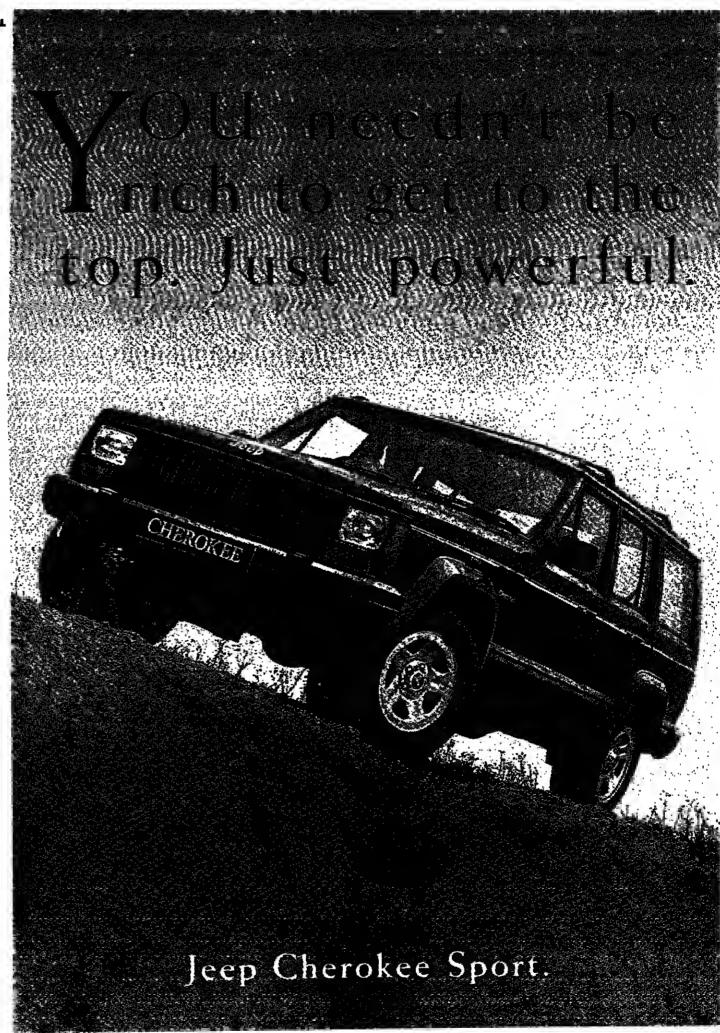
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# Consumers deluged with 'dishonest' environment claims

By NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

MANUFACTURERS are cashing in on the public's environmental concerns with "misleading, meaningless and downright dishonest" claims about many household goods.

Consumer groups are worried that the practice is making shoppers more cynical about green causes and less inclined to seek out environ-ment-friendly products.

A report by the Naconal

Consumer Council, commissioned by the Environment and Trade and Industry departments, says that the law fails to tackle the problem. David Hatch, the council's chairman, said yesterday that the research underscored the need for curbs on the use of green logos and legends that are little more than marketing jargon and hype.

f the Government is to meet its environmental policy goals it will need to win the confidence and co-operation of consumers who can transform the market by buying green,"

he said. "If we continue to be bombarded with contradictory and misleading claims, shoppers cannot be blamed for deciding all products are as harmful as each other."

The report lists scores of product claims, described as woolly, unverifiable, open to multiple interpretations, confusing or of no real benefit". Fridges and aerosol products now carry claims such as "CFC-free" but Britain is a signatory to the Montreal Protocol and CFCs, which damage the earth's protective ozone layer, have already been banned from all consumer products. To claim green credentials as a result of not using a banned product is arguably misleading." the re-

port says. Some packaging, such as that for Palmolive shaving foams and some Marks & Spencer St Michael goods, carries a green dot. Although some consumers believe it denotes environment-friendly

packaging, it simply means that the manufacturer has paid a fee into a German or French reclamation scheme and is irrelevant in Britain.

Cleaning products includ-ing Daz. Bold and Biological Persil are described as "biode-gradable" but the report says: "All UK detergents exceed European Union standards on biodegradability."

The claim that washing powders "contain no phosphates" is also criticised as the alternative chemicals present their own environmental hazards. Meaningless claims are made about paints, including those from Dulux, Crown and Berger, which are described as lead-free. Lead has not been added to household paints since the 1970s.

The council is recommending changes in the Fair Trad-ing Act 1973 to provide a binding code of practice. A separate Act is being proposed, requiring all green claims to be substantiated

#### London's first black policeman honoured

LONDON's first black po-liceman received the Queen's Police Medal from the Prince of Wales at Buckingham Palace yesterday.

Detective Sergeant Norwell Roberts, 50, who has served with the Metropolitan Police since 1967. said: The Prince told me, 'We need more people like you'. He is right, because we do need more black policemen to make the police more presentative."

He said it took years to be accepted by his colleagues. "I had something I wanted to prove to myself. I am still proving it, but I think I have earned people's respect." He plans to retire next year and write a book. "It

will be humorous, but there will be straight talking."

Dame Stella Rimington, recently made a Dame Commander of the Order of the Bath, received her insignia at the same investiture. She is the first head of the Security Service to bave ber

career publicly booonred.



Sergeant Roberts, who came to Britain in 1955 aged nine, displays the Queen's Police Medal

#### Carey praises biblical values in fight against forces of greed

By Ruth Gledhill, religion correspondent

THE Christian values that underpin society are threatened by the forces of cynicism. apathy and greed, the Arch-bishop of Canterbury, Dr

George Carey, said yesterday. Dr Carey, calling for a return to basic Christian moral values, said the Church should not be coy about "setting forward the Ten Commandments as guidelines for families and individuals to

live by".
In the last of three addresses during a visit to the Bradford diocese. Dr Carey said the Commandments "reflect God's standards for humanity, not merely for the Church".

Dr Carey, addressing the clergy of the diocese, said keeping to a strict moral code was not sufficient: a relationship with God had to be developed as well. "We get it wrong when we set ourselves above others, or if we are too busy being religious to love our neighbours as God has commanded," he said, calling on churches to open their buildings to communal and social as well as spiritual activities.

But the Archbishop gave warning against trying to do much. The needs around us are so vast that we could involve ourselves and our congregations in a spiral of guilt and helplessness," he "We see so many

needs and perceive the poverty of our response. Do fewer things better is the rule of

excellence." Dr Carey said the Church should challenge the values of the world, and that many churches had given up on Sunday schools and the in-

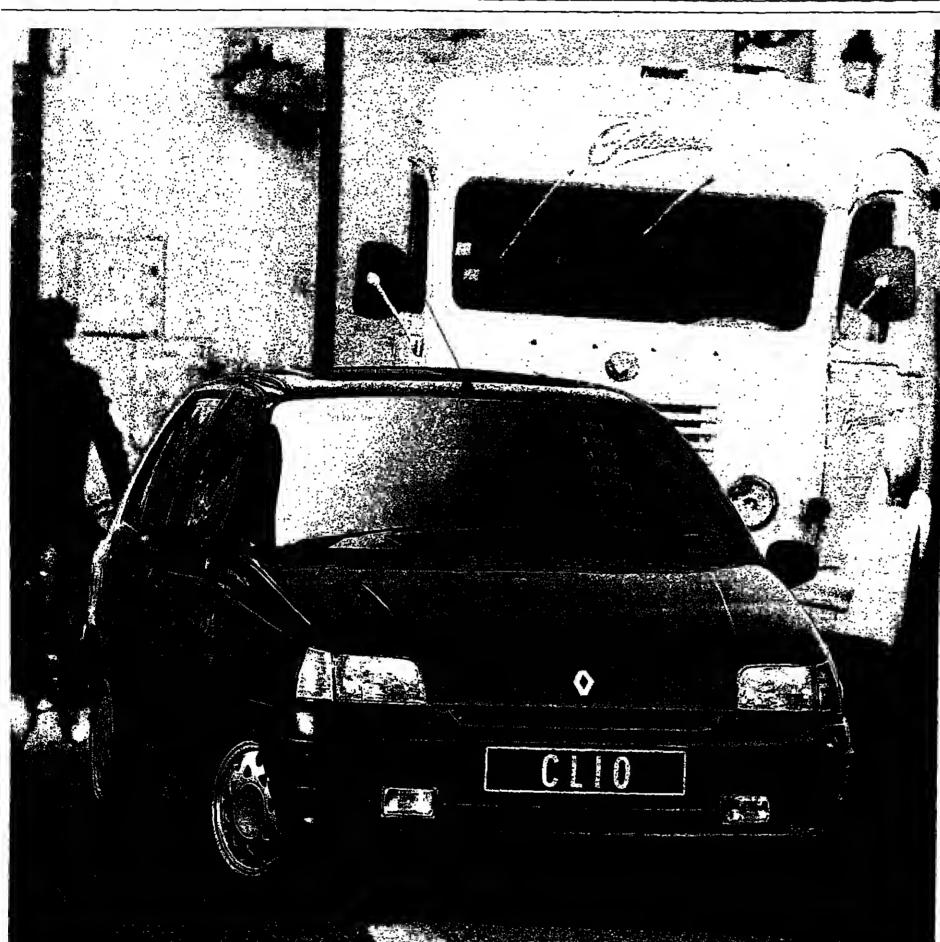
struction of young teenagers.
Earlier, during his threeday visit to the diocese. Dr Carey said that religion remained important to society. and he criticised the trend "to: banish God and religion to a purely private domain. If morality was a matter of individual opinion, "the views of traditional sources of authority become irrelevant and people no longer recognise objective or absolute stan-dards of right or wrong", the

Archbishop said.

Speaking in Bradford Cathedral, Or Carey said: "A better society requires public to the said of the society requires public to the society public to the so as well as private morality. We do not switch the light of the Gospel, and morality, on and off like an electric light bulb as we move in and out of private and public spheres of our

Or Carey said the operation of the market "degenerates into cheating and gangsterism" if it is not subordinate to moral values such as trust and

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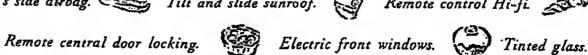
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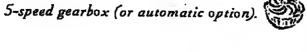
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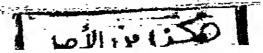
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# Kohl's heir fuels single currency pessimism

By George Brock, European editor

THE START of the European Union's single currency may have to be delayed beyond 1009, according to Helmut Kohl's political heir-apparent in one of the most pessimistic assessments yet to appear from the German Government's upper echelon.

Wolfgang Schäuble, parliamentary leader of Herr Kohl's Christian Democratic party. aired his doubts about whether monetary union could start on schedule to the author of a biography due to be published yesterday. "It could be - and I think that this is not entirely improbable - that the currency union cannot start in 1999," he is reported to have said.

Senior German politicians, up to and including Herr Kohl, have dropped hints pre-viously that the start date would have to be put back from the planned January 1999. But Herr Schäuhle, who is extremely close to the Chancellor, has not expressed his doubts so clearly before.

Although the Maastricht treaty allows rules to be bent, EU governments are supposed to reduce public debt to austerely low levels by the end of next year. Germany's public deficit is predicted to reach 3.5 per cent of groos domestic product this year, well above the 3 per cent target. France

Schäuble: aired doubts

also seems likely to overshoot the limit this year and next.

German politicians have regularly given warnings that adhering to the single currency qualifying rules is more important than sticking to the letter of the timetable. At the moment only Luxembourg meets all the criteria laid down in the EU treaty.

Both France and Germany face problems in cutting public spending because their economies are slowing down and unemployment is rising. But a Bank of France survey yesterday reported businesses as forecasting that economic activity would pick up later in the year.

A concerted French and German move to postpone the start of the single currency is unlikely before the end of this year. Meanwhile, EU governments will debate whether any single currency zone should be linked to the rest of the Union by a new exchange rate mechanism. British ministers have gently poured cold water on the idea but proposals are being developed by Commission officials in Brussels.

Sir Leon Brittan, the Trade Commissioner, this week cut across Brussels' previous policy, telling a London conference that fears of sharp devaluations by countries outside a monetary union were "greatly exaggerated". He said there was no need for a new exchange rate regime, adding: "It is far from clear that this would be either appropriate or

EU finance ministers will discuss this thorny subject in the middle of next month but no decisions are likely to be taken before the EU's summer summit in Florence in late

The Germans are also keeping up pressure for a "stability a scheme proposing punitive fines for governments inside a monerary union which run excessive deficits.

#### Kiss on the neck may be quite incidental

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

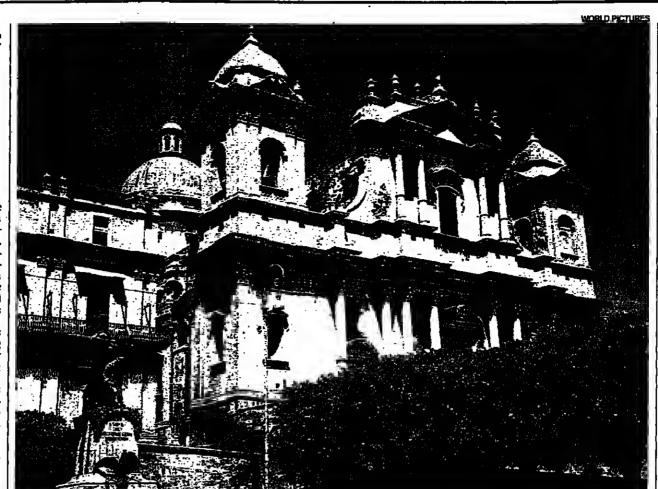
THE ITALIAN Supreme Court yesterday overturned a Sardmian man's prison sentence for sexual harassment, declaring that kissing a fe-male office colleague in public on the neck was not a criminal offence. There are lustful kisses and non-lustful kisses," the judges said, "This one was non-lustful."

The man, named only as G.D., was accused of kissing his colleague "without her consent". A Cagliari court jailed him for 16 months but, on appeal, the Milan judges ruled - somewhat controversially in the view of many male and female Italians that the neck was "not an erogenous zone". Cases of sexual harassment

are comparatively rare in Italy, where unthinking male chauvinism goes largely un-challenged and the media are saturated with titillating images of scantily clad women. But the growing feminist movement has begun to alter attitudes, and laws have been passed to toughen sentences for violence against women. The Milan judges conclud-

ed that a distinction should be drawn in law between "lustful kisses on the lips, in a clear display of desire and intoxication", and "normal kisses, such as those on the neck or cheek".

"Normal" kisses were permissible, the ruling said, and should not to be included under "crimes of libidinous violence" in Italian law.



Noto Cathedral before the collapse. Art critics say the disaster is symptomatic of the neglect of Italy's heritage

#### Italian anger as cathedral dome falls

BY RICHARD OWEN

ART critics called yesterday for an emergency campaign to save Italy's treasures after the collapse of Noto Cathedral in Sicily, a jewel of baroque architecture.
Antonio Paolucci, the Culture Minister,

arrived in Noto yesterday to inspect the damage caused by the collapse of the dome into the interior of the cathedral, which was completed in 1770. The great twin towers and the facade are intact, but

Nicolosi, said he had watched with horror from his balcony as the great dome caved in, "crumbling like a biscuit," and sending a pillar of white dust into the air. "I thought at first that it was another earthquake," he said.

The cathedral, like Noto's other 18thcentury buildings, was erected after the Sicilian earthquake of 1693 by the baroque architect Rosario Gagliardi. Noto is one of the most visited sites on the island, and was used by Michelangelo Antonioni as a backdrop for his film the rest gapes open to the sky.

L'Avventura. But the cathedral has been shored up with scaffolding in recent

years, a lack of funds hampering restora-tion. Art critics said the Noto disaster was symptomatic of the neglect of ttaly's heritage. At the end of January, another baroque gem, La Fenice opera house in Venice, went up in flames and local officals stand accused of ignoring the fire risk. Last month, Signor Paolucci disclosed that Italy was losing 30,000 art objects a year to thieves because it lacked

the staff and resources to protect them. Less than 0.5 per cent of the national budget is spent on the preservation of historic treasures, even though they provide huge tourist revenues.



#### **Kashmiris** start talks

with Delhi Delhi: The Indian Govern-ment held direct talks with Kashmiri separatist leaders yesterday, the first since the insurgency began in 1989. The year ago, was an indication of a growing hunger for peace in the Muslim-majority state

(Christopher Thomas writes). Nine militant leaders recently released from jail met S.B. Chavan, the Home Minister, for an hour in Delhi. They described the talks as good and purposeful, but their former organisations called them traitors.

#### Basketball star changes attitude

New York: Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf, a black Muslim basketball star suspended for refusing to stand for the national anthem, agreed to stand provided he can spend the time praying (James Bone writes). "In Islam, if after making a decision you see that which is better, you do that," he said.

#### Mugabe's rival quits election

Harare: Only 14 hours before voting was to start, Bishop Abel Muzorewa, 71, leader of the Zimbabwean United Parties and the sole opponent to President Mugabe in the presidential election, announced his withdrawal. Leading article, page 21

#### Poachers kill

#### white rhino

Geneva: Poachers in Zaire have killed one of the 30 wild northern white rhinoceroses left in the world, the World Wide Fund for Nature said. The male animal was killed last month in the Garamba national park. (AFP)

#### Hear, hear

Paris: The French parliament voted to han portable stereos producing more than 100 decibels after doctors said listening to loud music with earphunes was damaging young people's hearing. (Reuter)

#### French 'gang boss' plays to gallery

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

FRANCIS "The Belgian" Vanverberghe, an alleged kingpin of the French underworld, swaggered into a Marseilles court this week to proclaim his innocence on drug smuggling charges.

Known to the French police as "the last Godfather of Marseilles". The Belgian is a figure straight out of central casting his record is borrific but his jaw is firm, bis suit impeccably tailored and his hair neatly combed. For three

decades, he has been in and out of prison, fighting a running battle which came to a climax last year when the European Court of Human Rights ordered the French state to pay him £11,000 in damages after keeping him in prison without trial for more

than four years.
The Belgian's victory was short-lived, bowever, and this week he was back in the dock. accused of smuggling 44lb of heroin into the US in 1985.

The trial has gripped France, providing a rare and vivid glimpse into the French criminal underworld. The Belgian, 50, has turned in a vintage performance as the reformed character from a poor back-ground, brought down by lies and treachery.

"I am a delinquent," he announced simply, peering at the court through tortolseshell spectacles. "I have lived a marginal life."

This was impressive under-

is a product of the notoriously tough Belle-de-Mai neighbourhood of Marseilles. His first conviction, for robbery. came at the age of 18. Allega-tions against him since have ranged from arms offences to gangland killings, drug smuggling and pimping: for 20 years he was listed among Fraoce's most wanted men.

statement. Mr Vanverberghe

If convicted, Mr Vanverberghe faces up to 40 years'

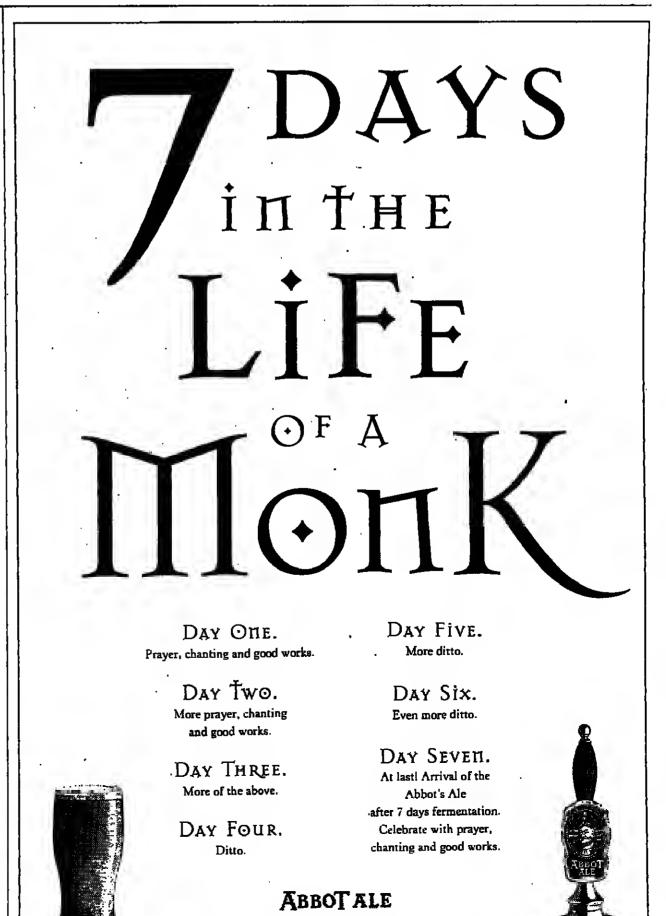


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Peking times next round of exercises to straddle island's elections and vows to reunify nation

# China to launch new war games in Taiwan Strait

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN PEKING

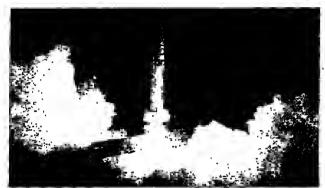
CHINA yesterday announced another round of military exercises in the Taiwan Strait. The ground, naval and air war games, which will straddle elections in Taiwan, are likely to reduce euphoria brought about by American assertions that Peking has no plans to

Peking also announced the end of eight days of missile tests in the narrow strait dividing Taiwan from the mainland, but said the new war games would start on Monday and last until March 25, two days after Taiwan's first direct presidential elections. Meanwhile, live-fire exercises are continuing in the southern strait.

A commentary to be published today in China's leading newspapers says that "a prosperous China must be a unified China: a strong China must be a complete China". Diplomats said that this

seemed to indicate that Peking intended Taiwan should be part of China, by military conquest if necessary. Peking has never given up a commitment to reunite the country. The historical trend of re-

unification is irreversible," the editorial says. "We should



An official photograph shows the launch of one of China's missiles from a land-based launcher

#### Taiwanese tour de force

Taipei: Enterprising Taiwan-ese tour companies are char-tering cruise ships to take sightseers to watch one of the two American aircraft-carrier battle groups preparing to monitor Chinese military exercises off Taiwan, China

Times reported yesterday. Besieged by inquiries from people eager to get a glimpse of the USS Nimitz and its escorts, now on their way from the Gulf, the firms have organised cruises that they hope will intersect the force's path. The charter prices range from about £1,200 to £3,000 for each group.

Several such groups have already been organised and will shortly set off to await the powered carrier, the newspaper reported. The USS Independence and its escorts are already about 100 miles east of Taiwan, but the USS Nimit: is expected to arrive in the area a few days before the island's presidential elections next Saturday. (AFP)

never allow one single inch of land to be split off our motherland's territory." In what app-America, the editorial also advises foreign "meddlers" not to interfere in China's internal affairs.

The US Defence Department said that it had received assurances from Peking that China did not intend to take any military action against Taiwan. Reports of these assurances led yesterday to a rise on Taipei's stock market and also in the value of the Taiwan dollar. Envoys in Peking, while still

of the opinion that China will not invade Taiwan in the short term, warned of the consequences of an accident as American battle groups gathered off eastern Taiwan.

The official news agency. Xinhua, reported last night that all four missiles involved in the tests this week, believed to be Scud-like M9 surface-tosurface rockets, had hit their designated targets. This demonstrated "the fine military and political quality of the second artillery force", Xinhua

Xinhua said the People's Liberation Army would conduct joint ground, naval and air exercises in and over a sea area formed by a line connected by four points, it gave co-ordinates that formed an uneven oblong in the northern sector of the strait. Analysts said this round of exercises seemed likely to edge a little

closer to Taiwan. For the sake of safety, the Chinese Government requests the Governments of relevant countries and the authorities of relevant regions to notify ships and aircraft of their countries and regions not to enter the said sea area and air space during the period," Xinhua said.



President Lee Teng-hui addresses a presidential election rally in Taipei yesterday

#### Diplomatic tone fails to sweeten the bitter reality

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN TALPEI

AS FEARS of war temporarily recede in Taiwan, the ultimate problem remains: the island and Peking are both Chinese and the roots of their conflict

strike deep.

The news that Li Peng, the Chinese Prime Minister, and his generals have assured Washington that they have no immediate invasion plans is well known here and some of Taiwan's top officials are sending equally reassuring signals. Frederick Chien, the Foreign Minister, said yesterday that President Lee Tenghui had no plans for further foreign trips. It was Mr Lee's visit to his American alma mater last year that triggered the present crisis.

Mr Chien also crowed that

Peking had over-reached it-self, little imagining that Taiwan would resist vigorously. Equally important, and influential in Peking, although Mr Chien did not say so, has been the American naval power near Taiwan which Washing-ton has brandished but not wholly explained.

But when this crisis ends and President Lee is, in all likelihood, elected next week, Taiwan's essential independence will remain, as will its democracy, the two elements in the situation that Peking cannot and will not endure. The presidential election,

the first in Chinese history. highlights these elements and the crisis yet to come. When Chiang Kai-shek and his son Chiang Ching-kuo, who set in motion the move towards de-mocracy, ruled Taiwan, Pe-king accepted silently that they had been appointed by political cronies who were refugees from the mainland. Both Chiangs also maintained the fiction that some day they would reassume power in China as a whole.

But with the advent of the native-born Lee Teng-hui, a man whose cultural origins are in many ways Japanese -he was educated largely in Japan, speaks Mandarin with a Japanese accent, and had a brother who was killed serving in the Japanese army --Peking faced a new situation.

No matter who is elected next week, it will be a nationalstyle President, and it will be a genuine election. Neither is acceptable in Peking, where national leaders emerge from inner-party conclaves and the population finds out later. Furthermore, such an election could signal to some of China's restive provinces, such as Tibet and Muslim Xinjiang. that breaking away is possible. A noodle seller explained that simply yesterday: Hah, Thirty-six small coun-

#### Premier fumes over smoking in parliament

BY JAMES PRINGLE

CHINESE parliamentarians were rebuked by Li Peng, the Prime Minister, yesterday for smoking too much, and when one delegate to the annual session of parliament boasted about increased alcohol production he was told that Chinese should drink

less alcohol and more fruit juice. Smoke-filled backrooms at political gatherings in Europe and the United States may be a thing of the past, but

Peking's Great Hall of the People, where sessions of the National People's Congress are taking place, has been fuggy this week with tobacco smoke, despite oo-smoking notices.

informal gatherings of parlimanentarians have been welloiled with grain alcohol, as is the habit with business banquets across China where drinking duels are often staged. But when Mr Li walked into a conference room in the Great Hall yesterday and saw packets of cigarettes for sale, he exploded. "Selling cigarettes here?" he thundered.

"I suggest we people's deputies set an example in observing the no-smoking ban in public places," he said. The deputies dutifully chorused "Good", according to Xinhua news

agency.

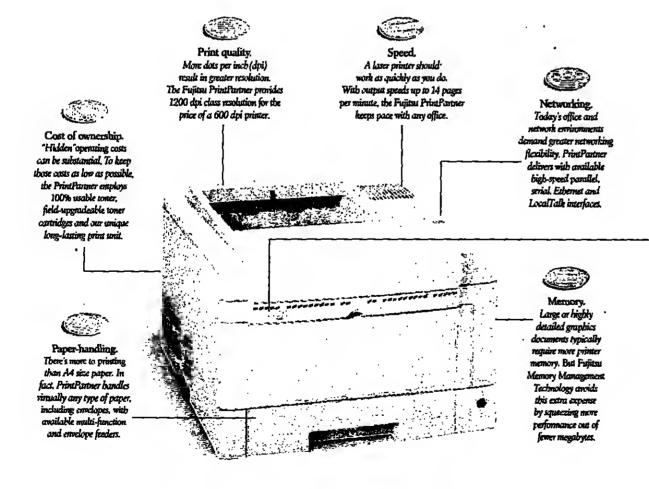
Then when the mayor of a town in Shantung province proudly boasted that liquor-making has made "marked progress" there the, austere Mr Li stepped in again. He said that too much of China's grain output was going into distilleries.
"Drinking fruit wines is helpful to

our health, does not waste grain, and is good for social ethics." he said, as delegates again responded with

applause. With 350 million smokers, China. does have a serious smoking problem, and an American medical journal said last year it was a "public health emergency" that could become

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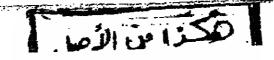
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# Russian MPs vote in favour of reviving Soviet Union

FROM THOMAS DE WAAL IN MOSCOW

THE Communist-dominated Russian parliament laid on a spectacular piece to Russia", he said. The Communists of political theatre yesterday hy ruling the agreement that ended the Soviet Union null and void.

Opposition depunes rose to their feet after overwhelmingly backing a resolution to overturn ratification of the Belovezhsk Agreement, signed by the leaders of Russia, Ukraine and Belorussia in December 1991, which buried the Soviet Union and created the Commonwealth of Independent States. The vote was timed to coincide with the lifth anniversary of the March 1991 referendum, when most of the population voted in favour of maintaining the single state.

Yesterday's vote had more to do with pre-election skirmishing than constitutional reality. Gennadi Zyuganov, the Communist Party leader who is the main challenger to President Yeltsin in the June presidennal elections, said it was the first step in a gradual recreation of the Soviet Union which would accelerate when

he won the presidency.
But President Yeltsin immediately condemned the vote as pre-election manoeuvring that would inflame tensions in former Soviet republics. Neither Ukraine nor any other of the former union republics will go back into the Soviet Union with a red flag, so why does the state Durna take

desisions like this?" he asked. In an interview with Russian television on Thursday, Mr Yeltsin said the disintegration of the Soviet Union had been unstoppable. He said his own plans for economic integration between the former republics were now speeding up. The Communist



Zyuganov: "the first step towards a single state

are saying this for the sake of politicking, for the sake of the elec-tions, while because of the process of integration we are winning very serious political points.

Liberal deputies mocked the resolution as political fantasy. One of them. Sergei Yushenkov, said voting to reconstitute the Soviet Union was about as useful as voting to declare an end to winter. Several depunes pointed out that most of the Communists in the former Russian parliament had voted to ratify the Belovezhsk Agreement in December 1991. Pressed on this point. Mr Zyuganov said: "We have a good opportunity to correct our

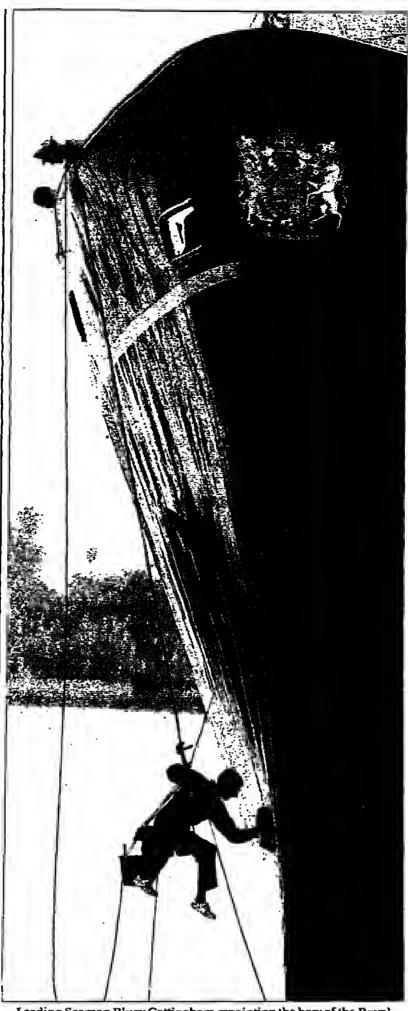
Several Communist deputies hinted darkly that this was only the beginning and that if they came to power. Mr Yelisin and others who engineered the Belovezhsk Agreement would be brought to trial. They will not be brought to account now," Anatoli Lukyanov, a former Speaker in the Soviet parliament said. "But time will pass and history will judge

Vladimir Zhirinovsky, the ultranationalist, blamed the CIA for destroying the Soviet Union in concert with Mikhail Gorbachev. "Their manoeuvres began in 1985; they finished in 1991," he said.

The Duma's decision will probably provoke much more reaction in the newly independent states, such as Kazakhstan, which has a large and vocal Russian minority, than in Russia itself. President Shevardnadze of Georgia told Moscow News last week that any serious attempt to recreate a single state could lead to civil strife throughout the former Soviet Union.

Chechen overture: The Kremlin yesterday approved a new initiative to end the 15-month conflict in Chechenia, where fierce fighting between government troops and separatist rebels continued (Richard Beeston writes).

Speaking after a special meeting of his Security Council, President Yeltsin refused to give details of the plan, which he said he would release in a televised address to the nation later this month. But according to senior Kremin officials, President Yelisin is to propose a peace forum made up of the pro-Moscow Chechen government, traditional Chechen elders and moderate figures among the rebels.



Leading Seaman Bluey Cottingham repainting the bow of the Royal Yacht Britannia. The vessel is in Florida, where the Duke of Edinburgh is due to attend several Palm Beach charity functions

#### **Dole mobilises** wounds of war against Clinton

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

Creek is long gone, but the building that once housed wounded veterans has become a symbolic and highly signifi-cant part of Bob Dole's campaign for the White House.

It was to Ward 10 of this former army medical hospital in Michigan that the young Mr Dole was admitted in 1945, his body ripped apart by a German shell in Italy. For almost three years he was confined to the room and was still swathed in a full body cast, unable to feed or clean himself, when he returned to his home in Russell, Kansas.

For the first time since his treatment after the Second World War, Mr Dole made a deliberate detour to Banle Creek this week to revisit the scene of his greatest suffering and return to a central theme of his campaign for 1996.

"It is about character," said Mr Dole, who now seems certain to win the Republican nomination. "It is about growing up in America. About knowing what made America great. About having made a little sacrifice for America, It certainly changed my life."

There was no direct comparison made between his record and President Clinton's avoidance of the draft in Vietnam, but the implication was clear. "I don't talk about President Clinton," said the Kansas senator, "But I think voters should know who Bob Dole is. I don't think I have to hide the fact that I was a veteran." Previously, Mr Dole has

THE War Hospital at Banle made brief references to bouts of paralysis and depression inflicted by his wounds. He has lost a kidney, cannot use his right arm and has only partial movement in the left.

Mr Dole proposed to his aides that the hospital become a campaign stop in Michigan. The senator said he had visited the site once before but was unable to find the ward because the building had been converted into an office block in 1953. Blueprints this time provided the exact location of the room he had shared with seven other men, two of whom were destined also to become senators, the Democrats Daniel Inouve of Hawaii and the

late Phil Hart of Michigan. The Dole swing through Michigan and Ohio came as the tenor of the Republican campaign altered. No longer facing the challenge of Steve Forbes, the multimillionaire publisher, Mr Dole made only a cursory reference to Pat Buchanan, the conservative commentator who has said that he will stay in the race for the nomination.

The clear focus in the past week has been to project Mr Dole as the undisputed rival to Mr Clinton and to bring an end to damaging divisions in the Republican ranks.

The Dole camp hopes that highlighting both the suffering and experience of their candidate will counter inevitable criticism from the Clinton campaign that the senator is too old to assume the presidency.

#### **Sponsors quit show** that insulted Princess

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

TWO firms have withdrawn as sponsors of a new American television show after the country's best known stand-up comic repeatedly insulted the Princess of Wales on air.

Dana Carvey, a goofy im-personator who made his name on Saturdoy Night Live. America's equivalent of Monny Python, treated viewers of the first episode of his new show to a "Top Ten List" of possible new titles for the Princess. Number three on the list was "Slut": number two was also "Slut"; then he pro-

posed: "The Slut formerly known as Princess." The Taco Bell restaurant four episodes, with Pizza Hut and other Pepsico subsidiaries backing the remaining five shows in the series. After the

first episode was broadcast. however, Taco Bell pulled the

plug. Pizza Hut followed suit.
-Dana Carvey is one of the funniest comedians," Amy Sherwood said for Taco Bell "But we're in the business of selling lacos and burrilos, not uffending people."

#### Peres regains lead in polls

Jerusalem: Shimon Peres. Is-rael's embattled Prime Minister, received a crumb of political comfort yesterday when two respected opinion polls showed him regaining the lead over his right-wing rival in the election on May 29. Binyamin Netanyahu (Christopher Walker writes).

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Mr Peres's rating declined sharply after recent Hamas bombings left 61 dead.

The polls, which gave Mr Peres a three-point lead over Mr Netanyahu, the Likud leader, were cited by relieved members of Mr Peres's Labour party as evidence that the Jewish nation has not yet lost

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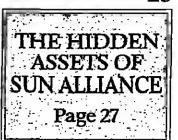
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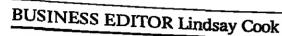


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By Patricia Tehan, banking correspondent

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A SENIOR City watchdog yesterday served notices of disciplinary proceedings against a number of former executives over their supervisory role in the £860 mil-lion collapse of Barings. The Securities and Futures

Authority, the regulator for brokers and futures dealers, which has been investigating 12 former senior Barings em-ployees, also announced that Peter Baring, the former chairman, will never work in the City again. Andrew Tuckey, the deputy chairman, who together with Mr Baring resigned from the merchant bank after expressing "deep regret" at the events leading

restricted role in the City.

Mr Tuckey is the only one of the 12 under investigation since last July to be allowed to continue to work in the City during the inquiry. He has been acting as a corporate finance consultant to ING, the Dutch banking and insurance group that bought Barings. He advised on a number of major City deals, including the £6 billion takeover of TSB by Lloyds Bank.

It is understood that the formal link between ING and Mr Tuckey, who could be in line for a bonus enhanced remuneration package of £500,000, will be severed at the end of this month, al-

The SFA said it had found no evidence indicating that responsibility for the Barings crash could be attributed to the actions of Mr Baring or Mr Tuckey. Nevertheless, the watchdog added, it had sought certain assurances from both men about the future. Mr Baring confirmed that he did not wish to re-enter the investment business. The SFA said Mr Tuckey had agreed "oot to seek in the foreseeable future any position in an investment house which would require his registration by SFA as a senior executive officer, or as a director, unless his duties are limited in scope to the provision of

press ahead with disciplinary charges against all of the remaining ten under investi-gation. Geoffrey Barnett, former chief operating officer, is

one of those who will not face any further proceedings. Those whose role in the crash has been looked into include Peter Norris, former chief executive officer, Tony Hawes, treasurer. Ron Baker, head of the financial products group, Mary Walz, global bead of equity products, and Tony Gamby, the settlements direc-

The executives who have been served notices of proceedings face a range of penalties from fines plus costs to playing a restricted and more

securities industry. The ultimate SFA sanction is to expel an individual from working in the City indefinitely.

At least three of the executives under investigation by the SFA are due to appear before the Commons Treasury Select Committee which has re-opened its own inquiry into the Barings collapse. Those likely to be questioned closely by MPs are Mr Baring, Mr

Tuckey and Mr Norris. The Bank of England will also be summoned to give evidence again. Committee members have expressed their serious reservations over the Bank's role in supervising Barings before the crash just over a year ago.

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BY CAROLINE MERRELL

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It is unlikely the new system
— in which orders to buy and sell will be entered on a central electronic order book and automatically executed when they match - will be introduced before spring next year.

The consultation process was started after the dismissal of Mr Lawrence in January. He blamed the objection of market-making firms to the introduction of an ordermatching system for his enforced departure.

The Exchange has rejected the other options January's consultation document — an order book for some shares and cootinuing the current quote-driven system for others; or trying to accommodate both with a split-screen, or hybrid" approach.

The report will lead to a further consultative document shortly in which the rules of the new trading system will begin to be defined.

Thursday's report will also highlight the need for decision-making from Treasury officials and regulatory bodies over outstanding issues, such as tax exemptions and other privileges currently enjoyed by market-makers. The Exchange's thinking appears to be that if firms are still taking risks with their capital, they ought to continue to be re-

The Exchange is likely to say that there will be meetings with regulators to discuss the regulatory framework needed for the introduction of a new trading system. Current regulations date back much further than Big Bang in 1986 some of them to the 1920s.

#### Black day: A worker covers the Fokker sign at its Amsterdam headquarters yesterday Turbulent end for Fokker

By ERIC REGULY

THE collapse of Fokker, the world's largest maker of regional passenger jets, sent shockwaves through the British aerospace industry yester-day. Short Brothers of Beliast, which made wings for Fokker, sent about 650 workers home and said that another 400 or so jobs are likely to disappear.

Rolls-Royce, where job losses are "possible but unlikely", supplied the planes' engines and will lose some £100 million in annual sales. Analysts estimate that about half of the components for the Fokker 70 and Fokker 100 jets came from Shorts. BAe and many smaller electronics and systems companies.

Fokker's bankruptcy elimi-nated more than 4,700 jobs on the Dutch company's main assembly lines at Amsterdam's Schiphol airport. The non-core businesses, including the space systems, electronics and aircraft services divisions, employing about 2,500, are to remain open.

The bankruptcy of the 77year-old company came after the Dutch Government refused more credit to keep Fokker alive while it searched for a buyer. Daimler Benz of Germany, Fokker's majority owner since 1993, withdrew its financial support in January because it could see no end to the company's losses.

As late as yesterday morning, Samsung, the South Kore-an industrial group, said it was still interested in taking control of the Fokker. But it failed to produce a firm offer. ti appears unlikely another

group will come forward. Roy McNulty, president of Short Brothers, said job losses had been scaled back from an initial prediction of 1,500 by eliminating some outside con-tractors and finding additional jobs in other production programmes. The Fokker contracts represented about 20 per cent of Shorts' £400 million annual sales. The 650 workers have been declared "surplus" but not yet "redundant".

#### Simpson expected to join GEC

By Sarah Cunningham

GEORGE SIMPSON, chief executive of Lucas Industries, said yesterday he will not renew his contract with the company and he is now expected to be named as Lord Weinstock's successor as managing director of GEC. He is likely to take over

the job in the autumn. Lucas said in a statement that Mr Simpson will remain in place until the board has completed an orderly transition". His current contract expires on March 31, 1997 and Lucas is unlikely to let him go until the company has

announced its full-year results in early October. It had hoped that he would renew the contract for a further year.

Lucas will announce interim results on Tuesday, and its pre-tax profit for the last six months of 1995 is expected to be about £60 million, compared with £44.5 million a year earlier. It hopes its full-year results will confirm a solid recovery.

The company is seeking a replacement, but City followers see no obvious ideal successor. One possible internal candidate is John Grant, finance director. The arrival of Mr Simpson - paid

£537,500 last year by Lucas -- would be a

relief for GEC, which has been trying to recruit him for months. Investors took yesterday's announcement calmly. Lucas shares closed unchanged at 193p, while GEC was down 2p at 3642p.

Mr Simpson will be expected to revitalise GEC, which analysts say has begun to show signs of stagnation after 34 years under Lord Weinstock. Investors hope Mr Simpsoo will unlock value by spinning off non-defence businesses, and GEC shares have risen in recent days on speculation about his appointment.

Mr Simpson was hired by Lucas two years ago after his success with Rover.

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# How Sir Colin put the spin into Thorn EMI

components of British industry) Thorn EM1 is progressing towards its long-awaited metamorphosis into Thorn Pic and

The wisdom of slow but sure progress is something that Thorn EMI's shareholders have good cause to reflect upon. In the space of a year. Thorn EMI's share price has soared from a shade over £10 to £16.24, at which price, the company is capitalised at some £7 billion Nor, with demerger scheduled for the summer, is the party

It was last August that Kleinwort Benson stole a few headlines with a circular on Thorn EMI that, by way of contributing a little speculative pzazz, was not slow in coming forward.

The blurb read: "Recent corporate developments in the media and entertainment businesses and in rent-to-own in the US have valuation of a demerged Thorn

S lowly but surely (if only one could say this about more components of British in the case for a value of \$17 per characteristics. share price." According to Kleinwort Benson, corporate restructuring in the world media and entertainment businesses has left music virtually untouched."

That said, an independent EMI "could act as the vehicle for corporate change." Just for good measure, KB pointed out that should a bid materialise, an "auction" would almost certainly en-

KB's analysts, warming to their theme of a short, independent life for EMI Plc, listed those parties perceived to be interested in an acquisition or strategic alliance." These were Viacom, Dreamworks SKG, Seagram/MCA, Disney and Microsoft.

KB inevitably emphasised the "scarcity value" of EMI's copyrights. These embrace a back calalogue of more than I million songs, many never released. Even more have never been released on CD. With music enterprises traditionally valued on a multiple of sales. KB pointed out that EMI paid 1.7x sales (£560 million) for Virgin in the spring of 1992. Polygram paid 2x sales for Island in 1989 and Motown in the spring of 1993, while MCA paid 26x sales for Geffen Records.

Multiply EMI's 1994-95 sales of £2.1 billion by 1.7 and one comes out with a valuation of £3.7 billion. Multiply 1995-96's estimated sales of £2.5 billion by 2.6 and one reaches a valuation of £6.5 billion. The middle range: a shade over £5

in the event, KB placed a "middle" value of £2 billion on Thorn's "rent-to-own" operations. embracing Rent-A-Center, Radio Rentals and Crazy George's, while E350 million was chalked up for HMV/Dillons (to be retained in EMI Plc). A total of £7.35 billion implied a share price of £17.10 and the shares subsequently touched

What inevitably caught the eye were the "upper" valuations. EMI's 655 billion calculation sits



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alongside a £3.1 billion estimate for Thorn and a £500 million tag for HMV/Dillons. A total valuation of EIO.I billion translates into a rarefied share quote of £23.50. KB's final message was that, come demerger, prospective valuations were likely to be closer to the upper end of the range.
Such was the flavour of analysts.

think, so to speak, come last month's confirmation by Sir Colin

Southgate, Thorn EMI's chairman, that demerger is under way. Southgate, who joined Thorn EMI in 1983, has spent more than a decade patiently restructuring the company. Exit the likes of lighting. defence, security and the lossmaking Rumbelows chain. Enter Rent-A-Center, acquired in the US in 1987, followed by what has proved to be a shrewd purchase of Virgin Music from the man who flies in balloons.

Far be it for the press to focus on anything as boring as a successful restructuring operation. What the scribes wanted to know was whether a takeover bid for EMI, complete with its EMI, Capitol, Parlophone, Virgin and Chrysalis labels, was on the way. Southgate, with an eye to his fiduciary duties. declared: "EMI isn't for sale. But if a megalomaniar came along and offered me top dollar, a foolish price, I'd tell our shareholders that they should take it."

Southgate also took the opportunity to reveal a 29 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £429

months to end-December last, on turnover up 13.4 per cent at £3.8 billion. EM!, benefiting from hit albums from The Beatles, Blur. Supergrass. Smashing Pumpkins and Garth Brooks, raised operating profits from £252.7 million to £310 million, on turnover up from £1.6 billion to £2.1 billion. Not bad for an enterprise which, just five years ago, was perceived as the dog of the music industry.

Indications are that the original demerger timetable, which coincides with the close period in relation to Thorn EMI's firstquarter results for 1996-97, will be delayed by a matter of weeks. The AGM/EGM is now expected in mid-August, with trading in EMI Pic and Thorn Pic due to start a matter of days later.

EMI Plc is clearly a potential bid target, though much of the speculation is mere hype. Southgate has made no secret of his belief that synergies between the film and music industries are highly debatable and has consistently

million (5333 million) for the nine emphasised that bids from the likes of PolyGram. Time Warner and Sony would all encounter

monopoly bariers. Then again. Southgate will win few laurels if he orchestrates a demerger whereby an undervalued EMI is snapped up at the outset of independence. Thorn's rerating would appear to have staved off this threat, so much so that the City is slowly but surely being educated as to the attractions of Thorn's rent-to-own operations, where the quality of earnings appear significantly higher than the image. Crazy George, which rents furniture and consumer products to low-income customers, is perceived as a high-growth operaoon and is clearly cashing in on the high proportion of the UK population with little or no access to

Mercury Asset Management, (presumably hopeful that a megalomaniae just might appear) has raised its stake in Thorn-EMI to a shade over 11 per cent. Other sharebolders should sit oght.

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#### Cornhill ahead at £73.5m

By MARIANNE CURPHEY

CORNHILL Insurance yesterday expressed growing concern at the effects of fierce competition in the insurance market as it unveiled a 12 per cent increase in 1995 profits to £73.5 million, from £65.5 million in 1994.

The company, a subsidiary of Allianz, Europe's largest insurer, said the increase was achieved in spite of a 4 per cent fall in general business premium income to £602.8 million from £627.4 million.

Ray Treen, chief execu-tive, said: "The industry enters 1996 with barely adequate rating levels and the virtuous cycle of good weather and lower claims frequency seemingly at an end. All the ingredients for the negative part of the

profit cycle are in place."
Life insurance premiums fell 25 per cent to £87.4 million in "difficult market conditions." Part of that fall was due to the company not repeating a single premium bond issue which had achieved considerable sales in 1994.

However, investment and other income increased by 22 per cent to £86.2 million and its general business solvency ratio at the year end rose to 69.7

### Tietmeyer call for Britain to re-enter EMS

HANS TIETMEYER, President of the Bundesbank, yesterday urged Britain participate in a revived European monetary system, even if it chooses to opt out of the single currency.

Dr Tietrneyer, who was addressing a conference in Dublin, said: "If the United Kingdom stays out I hope we can find an arrangement where the likelihood of exchange rate deterioration is avoided."

Other European Union member countries have expressed concern in recent months that countries which remain outside monetary union will make competitive devaluations of their currencies, thereby poisoning trade

Or Tietmeyer's comments are likely to prompt embarrassment in the Government, which has remained cool towards the idea of rejoining a European monetary system since Britain's humiliating exit from the European exchange-rate mechanism (ERM) in 1992.

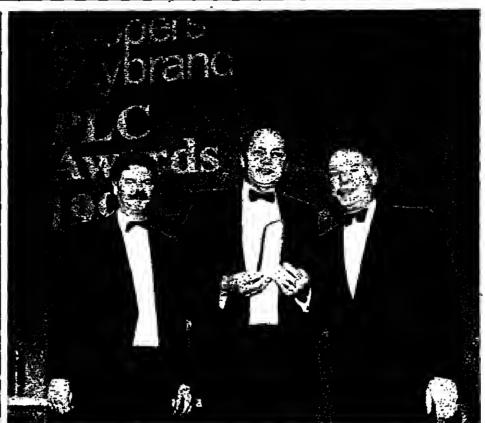
But Dr Tietmeyer insisted that a revived European monetary system, with the single currency as an anchor, could regulate foreign exchange relations for EU member currencies outside the euro. He said: "The arrangement for pegging these countries could take the form of a modified European Monetary System or EMS II."

Dr Tietmeyer added that the new system should allow wide-fluctuation margins to discourage speculation and, in special cases, floating ex-change rates should be allowed without actually abandoning the exchange-rate criteria.

A regular review of exchange rates by the Council of the European Central Bank would prevent a recurrence of the problems that broke the exchange-rate mechanism by allowing the adjustment of unrealistic exchange rates.

The president of the Bundesbank also took a firm line on meeting the Maastricht convergence criteria. saying that dilution of the criteria could prove fatal to monetary union. He lent renewed support to

the tough post-monetary union stability pact outlined by Theo Waigel, the German Foreign Minister, which includes heavy fines for EMU participants who relax fiscal



Anthony Hill, centre, is congratulated by Stephen Hazell-Smith, left, and Richard Stone

#### Pub group toasts success

BY MARTIN BARROW

AlM award in the 1995 Coopers & Lybrand PLC Awards, which are held in association

with The Times. Anthony Hill, managing director of Surrey Free Inus. was presented with the award ty chairman of Coopers & Lybrand UK.

Surrey Free Inns joined the new Alternative Investment Market in June last year at 85p a share. The shares peaked at 185p in January,

SURREY FREE INNS, the operator of public houses in southern England, won the inaugural best new entrant to by Stephen Hazell-Smith, of Rutherford Asset Manages million. Surrey Free Inns operates 24 pubs, many of them with restaurants and hotel add-ons.

Labatt, the Canadian brewer, has a 4 per cent interest in the company. Other contenders for the AIM award were ASK Central, Memory Corporatioo and Trocadero.

#### BUSINESS ROUNDUP

#### Cookson pays £57m for US plastics group

COOKSON, the specialist industrial materials company, continued its expansion abroad with the purchase of US Engineered Polymers Corporation, an American plastics business, for £57 million. EPC is based in Minnesota and specialises in structural foam and injection-moulded plastic products. Cookson said that EPC was a natural fit for Loudon plastics, part of Cookson's speciality moulding plasocs division. In 1995, EPC made an operating profit of £6.3 million on a turnover of E44 million.

Richard Oster, chief executive, said the deal would enable Cookson to accelerate its expansion in new markets. The shares continued their recent rise, closing up 1p at 305p. Strong year-end results are expected from the group this month, with profits predicted to climb from £120 million to £180 million.

#### NS nets £708m

NATIONAL SAVINGS made a net £708 million funding contribution towards the Government's borrowing requirements in February compared with £1 billion in the previous month. Total gross sales last month were £1.3 billion compared with a record £1.6 billion in January. The highest net contributors were Pensioners Bonds at £331 million. Premium Bonds on £146 million and fixed interest Savings Certificates on E112 million.

#### Bell losses deepen

BELL CABLEMEDIA, the UK's third largest cable company, reported a net loss of £47.4 million, against a loss of £26.4 million, in the year to December 31. The loss was expected and was due to the extensive spending and depreciation charges on its network. Cable-TV and relephony penetration rates were flat, at 22 per cent and 24.2 per cent, respectively. but the company said a new marketing campaign should lift those figures later this year.

#### Molins profits up 24%

PROFITS at Molins, the tobacco machines company, were 24 per cent higher last year at £29.8 million, after a review of pensions accounting that reduced 1995 profits by £400,000 in favour of 1994 figures. The 1995 profits of \$2,00,000 life favour of 1994 figures. The 1995 profits increase came despite higher interest charges of £2.2 million (£1.4 million). But net cash at the end of the year was £6.8 million (1994 borrowings £6.4 million). The dividend is 20p (up 17.6 per cent), with the final payment of 14.1p due on May 21.

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#### BRADFORD & BINGLEY'S REDUCED RATES OF INTEREST **EFFECTIVE FROM 17 MARCH 1996**

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First Choice <sup>§</sup>	£50+	1.25	0.94	-	_
(Including Bonus)	€500+	. 2.85	2.14	-	-
	£3,000+	3.35	2.51	-	-
	£10,000+	3.85	2.89	-	-
	£25,000+	4.25	3.19	-	-
Special Asset	£2,500+	3.30	.2.48	3.20	2.40
	£5,000+	3.70	2.78	3.60	2.70
	£10.000+	4.70	3.53	4.55	3.41
	€20,000+	5.15	3.86	4.95	3.71
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	£80.000+	5.60	4.20	5.40	4.05
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	£25.000+	4.25	3.19	-	-
Privilege follow-up TESSA#	£500+	6.25 <sup>†</sup>	-	-	-
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Special Interest Bond	£500+	5.75	4.31	-	-

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	£25,000+	3.80	2.85	3.65	2.74
	£50,000+	4.9U	3.23	4.15	3.11
Bonus (Inc. full banus)	£1.000+	3.00	2.25	-	-
	£10,000+	4.00	3.00	-	-
Option 6	£2,500+	3.80	2.85	3.65	2.74
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#### Wembley back on the road

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

WEMBLEY, which owns and operates the country's most famous sports stadium, yesterday established itself firmly on the comeback trail, announcing a reduction in losses to £8.1 million in 1995 from £36 million in 1994. Wembley is hosting several

major events this year and is optimistic that it will win its battle with Manchester to become the national sports stadium and secure lottery funding for a planned £170 million redevelopment. Wernbley is aiming to build an enorely new stadium around the famous twin towers:

Operating profits jumped 68 per cent to £19.7 million due to a big improvement at the Wembley complex, which rose by over 50 per cent to £9.2 million, and from the company's US greyhound operations, where profits increased by more than two thirds to £10.3 million. UK greyhound operations were hit by the

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lottery and fell back by 7 per cent to £2.7 million. Wembley's huge debt pile,

which brought the company to the brink of bankruptcy last year, was brought under control with gearing falling from 324 per cent to 42 per cent. Claes Hultman, chairman. said that 1996 had started well

and predicted good progress.

Wembley also announced that it was making a court application to eliminate the deficit on distributable reserves in order to be legally allowed to pay a dividend. though it was cautious on the prospects of a pay-out this year. The group has not paid a dividend since 1992 and not

made a profit since 1990.

Last May the company launched a £120 million refinancing package, including a £63 million rights issue. Wembley shares fell 2p to

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#### Banks lent to Nadir 'by phone'

By Jon Ashworth

BANKERS were happy to advance substantial loans to Asil Nadir's private UK interests on the basis of a telephone call, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday. Overdrafts were running at £465,000 in 1989, when Mr Nadir earned £12.75 million in share dividends and salary.

The details emerged at the trial of Elizabeth Forsyth, who denies handling nearly £400,000 in funds allegedly stolen by Mr Nadir from Polly Peck International (PPI) in October 1989. Christopher Hine, a partner in Baker Tilley, said yesterday that Mr Nadir would have had "no problem" raising £400,000 from somewhere.

Photocopies of documents seen in northern Cyprus were "consistent" with the impression that the sum of £400,000 had been credited to the subsidiary, he added. The trial continues on Monday.

loss after shake-up

RATES JOHN MOWLEM, the con-The company, which in September pledged to "cut the

# Mowlem makes £30m

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

struction group, yesterday took the bruot of costs for the sweeping reorganisation that it instigated last autumn, although its operating profits showed some health.

throats" of its loss-making businesses, fell into a pre-tax loss of £30 million for the year to December 31 after recording a profit of £4.8 million the

It lost £18,6 million in discontinuing unprofitable businesses, £5.8 million on its sale last year of London City Air-port and El4 million from costs

associated with a long-running legal battle over a housing development in west London. The group turned in operat-ing profits before the exceptional charges and discontin-

ved businesses 20 per cent ahead of 1994 at £13.9 million. its turnover increased 7.5 per cent to £1.45 billion. The group said that, in spite of the prevailing gloom in

construction, it was hopeful of its own performance after the radical restructuring. A final dividend, due on July 1, was set at 2p - the same as the previous year.

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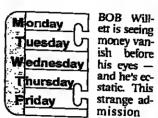
#### A WORKING WEEK FOR: BOB WILLETT

# A fierce desire to see Littlewoods relabelled as a market leader

Sarah Bagnall

meets a man aiming to join the retail

premier league



ish before mission from the

managing director of the Littlewoods chain of stores becomes more baffling when he admits that staff are to

Reclining further into his chair, Diet Coke in hand, Willett proudly proclaims: "Staff discounts are up nearly 70 per cent." He says the fact that staff are buying Littlewoods goods is wonderful. "It's one of the best judgments we could have."

Although the rise is undeni-ably welcome, there is no escaping the fact that it has come from a very low base -"so low I'm too embarrassed to reveal the figures", he says. But the rise serves as an important sign that the stores' performance may finally be on the way up.

The 130-strong chain of high street Littlewoods stores has long been considered drab, downmarket and a laggard to the rest of the retail sector. In 1995 the business managed to squeeze a paltry £30 million of profit out of sales of £700

With profits representing 4.3 per cent of sales, the chain has been well and truly stuck at the bottom of the third division, looking up enviously to Marks & Spencer at the top of the premier league with a 13 per cent return.

Willett, 48, knew he had a challenge on his hands when he accepted the managing a-half years ago. Littlewoods, the retailing and football pools giant, had hit a bad patch. Owned by the Moores family, Littlewoods is Britain's biggest privately owned business with sales topping £3 billion.

In recent years the group's performance has suffered from a revolving boardroom door, tough competition in mail order and the arrival of the National Lottery, which has slowed the waterfall of cash from its pools business.

But the group is debiless and, in spire of tales of feuds and infighting among the 32 family shareholders, the Moores family recently opted to stay private rather than sell off the businesses piecemeal to the highest bidders.

Willett's route to Linlewoods was via a string of other retailers. A Welshman, his first - and longest - sojourn was at Marks and Spencer. where he spent nine years, and where he learnt the values and benefits of having a strong brand.

But a gnawing desire to influence matters, and press the buttons of power, prompted him to jump ship to Debenhams, then he darted to Woolworths, followed by a quick pit stop at Ward White. before joining Galeway, the supermarket group that became the trading arm of Isosceles as a result of one of the biggest leveraged buyouts in the United Kingdom.

He ultimately became chief executive but in October 1992 upped and left when the heavily-indebted food retailer was in the throes of a restructuring.

His next stop was Littlewoods. The first thing I had to do was assess the issues and then develop a strategy," he says. A central plank in the ensuing five-year plan was the decision to build a brand and

THE SUNDAY TIMES

The popularity of George Simpson during his rise from the accounts department at British Leyland 10 the helm of General Electric Company says much for his diplomatic skills. His ambitioo is well camouflaged ... 9

Business - The Sunday Times tomorrow



Retail rocker. Bob Willett believes the battle for him is not just a case of changing the product, "you have to change the people as well"

after months of planning the for Roy Castle's cancer appeal through a range of sponsored new label — Berkertex — was launched in ladieswear last September. "Berkertex will be Willest opted for a spon-

our St Michael. Marks took sored slim and lost more than 100 years to get there but we a stone in four months. "You have to get there much quickwon't believe it but this is a er. Ultimately everything we slimmed-down version," he sell will be Berkertex, except says, patting his stomach with a rather wistful look.

for children's wear," he says.

the drive to lift profits and

sales is the reason behind the

sharp rise in staff purchases. Every Monday morning.

Willett sits down with his

finance director at the Liver-

pool headquarters and goes

through the results for the

previous week. Sales, margins

and profits are all scrutinised,

giving Willett the chance to

monitor the success of every

line, including the all-impor-

The 90-minute meeting

kicks off at 8.30am and is

followed by separate meetings

with the buying, operations and marketing teams for each

of the business units. "I hear

how each of the lines is doing.

what the competition is up to,

and what needs doing to

counter any moves. We dis-

cuss all the issues and the

actions the teams are taking."

he says.

As Berkertex is key to the

future success of the business.

monitoring its performance is

vital and as new lines under

the brand are introduced the

Monday morning meetings provide critical feedback. Recently the ladieswear business

unit revealed that "we had had

a fantastic week on blouses

and so we discussed what we

should do and decided to

order in another 3,000°, he

says. This Monday, Willett will

get a first impression on how

the Berkertex Petite range,

launched on Wednesday, is

being received by shoppers.
Willett brushes aside criti-

cisms from Littlewoods watch-

ers that he is taking too long to introduce the new brand. "You

can't do is quickly. It's not just a simple case of changing the

product, you have to change the people, the buyers and get

the right supplier base. So it's

an enormous change. If you

do it quickly then you are going to get it wrong," he says.

Willett is a research junkie.

No decision or move will be

made until he is properly

furnished with the relevant

facts. "It's very much about the marathon not the sprint. Turning the business round and evolving it in a controlled way, using lots of research,"

Marathons of a different

kind feature in Willett's life.

Next week he and a band of

colleagues embark on a

lengthy training programme

with the goal of running in the

London Marathon next year.

A more immediate challenge

is the Great North Run in

Newcastle upon Tyne this

autumn. This is just one of

several group activities to take

place at Linlewoods. Recently,

around 100 staff went ten-pin bowling and last year employ-

ees across the entire group raised a large sum of money

he argues.

tani Berkertex brand.

This important landmark in

Willett spends the week in Liverpool, where he has a flat, and then drives for three hours every weekend to join his wife and children at the two thirds of his day is structured, with a string of regular meetings to deal with finance, trading, store development, training and the product.

The remaining one third is left free for store visits and to give him time to walk about the building, talking to staff.

You have to leave time free to react to events and issues. Yuu have to be able to respond to the business, to be able to pick

#### 'As a manager if you don't add value what are you there for?

family home in Chepstow, Gwent, across the Severn Bridge from Bristol. Willett and his wife, Susan, decided not to move to Liverpool when he joined Littlewoods because their children, Michele, 18, and Nicola, 20, were at critical stages of their education.

Weekly boarding suits him, he says, as he can then dedicate his weekdays to his job. As a reflection of this, his typical day starts at 8am and stretches as late as 9pm. About a manager if you don't add value then what are you there for? It's not about form, it's about substance. There is too much form in industry."

On average, Willett visits stores one day a week and then again on Saturday. "It means my wife gets to go shopping in different towns every Saturday and I turn up to work on Mondays knowing what's been going on."

He arrives unannounced at his chosen store to ensure that

"The only way you can mea-sure the effectiveness of the learn is to go and see the results at store level. That's the most important part of our business. Our staff are the ambassadors of the business and by listening to them we hear what they think is good and what they think is bad: what isn't working and what needs fixing, I can also talk to ed truth," he says. Besides learning lessons

he gets as accurate a picture as

he can of what's happening.

from one store that can then be passed down the chain. he also picks up on any gripes that staff may have. One example is that shortly after he arrived he discovered there was a lot of disgruntlement over the man-made fibre used for the uniform. Staff thought it was old-fashioned and uncomfortable. "So we sat down and designed a new uniform. It's now in 40 stores and we are

rolling it out," he says. Willett believes that communicating with staff is the key to helping to drive the business forward. Suggestion schemes and regular communication sessions are a few of the ways he tries to involve and empow er staff so that they can help to turn the business round.

Willett writes to all the stores every four weeks to update them on the key issues - trading, store openings and customer complaints. I tell them what the complaints have been and how many. If you don't share the problem how can you expect them to help you resolve it?" he asks.

Willett is now about two ears into his five-year plan and the first tangible results are beginning to emerge. A refurbishment programme is helping to lift sales, while all the group's lines bar the children's wear will be trading under the Berkertex brand by early in 1998. Profits will be boosted by a further £20 million as a result of a £40 million programme 10 overhaul the distribution process.

The foundations are being laid, the investments made, and the business is now pointing in the right direction. Over the next few years, Willett hopes the business results will reflect all his hard work and he will be presiding over a retail leader, not a laggard.

#### **HIDDEN ASSETS**

#### Sun Alliance fire marks are hot property

Marianne Curphey visits an insurer's

collection of restored artefacts

E mergency services of-ten complain that bad numbering of houses creates problems mergency services ofeven in the well-organised street grid of the late 20th century. Early firefighters had to cope not only with medieval street layouts but with unnumbered houses.

Insurance companies managed by attaching decorative metal plaques to the outside of buildings they insured so that their fire engines could find their way. Originally made of lead, the identification panels were known as fire marks and bore the emblem of the company and the policy number.

One of the oldest insurers, Sun Alliance, has its own

collection of these distinctive marks on display at its Bartholomew Lane headquarters in the City. Its fire marks were rescued from storerooms in offices around the country 20 years ago. Blackened by age and suffering from

neglect, they were restored to their former glory by David Hill, Sun Alliance's archivist. A gentle scrub with soap and water

revealed the gilded lettering of the four original Fire Offices - the earliest form of insurance company which were eventually joined together under the Sun Alliance banner. Most of the original Fire Offices employed their own fire brigades, and the marks

indicated which brigade was primarily responsible for fighting a fire. "Contrary to popular belief, they did not simply allow other properties to burn if they were most companies had recip-rocal arrangements for dealing with fires in their areas."

said Mr Hill. "Homes and buildings were all thatched and so close together that if a fire was left to burn, it would quickly spread.~

The widespread introduction of street numbering in the early 19th century rendered the practice unnecessary, and the sheer number of policies being issued

made it impractical. In addition, lead was becoming expensive, most of it being required for munitions, and other metals were used, including copper and tinned iron. Unnumbered marks were issued by some companies until the turn of the 19th century, although the majority had stopped some years earlier. Tin marks were issued abroad

until the Second World War, but were used mainly for advertising. Mr Hill said: "Pieces now change hands for be tween £50 and £3,000," When Sun Alljance launched a new insurance policy five years ago, it was named

each policyholder was sent a replica. The Sun Fire Office

founded in 1710, issued around 924,000 of the numbered lead marks in the form of a rising sun, gilded all over, with a blue background and black numbers. The Alllance, fuunded in 1824, acquired lesser companies to secure a fire portfolio, a strategy it followed into the 20th century, culminating in the merger with the Sun in 1959.

The London Assurance was founded in 1720. It joined Sun Alliance in 1965 The Plucnix which had a founded in 1753 and merged with Sun Alliance and London in 1984.



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STOCK MARKET



# US interest rate fears give investors a scare

FURTHER evidence that the US economy is gathering pace, thereby putting paid to any further cuts in interest rates, left the London stock market nursing sharp falls at

After a volatile week investors in London were in no mood to resist Wall Street's downward pull in early trading yesterday, which left the FT-SE 100 index 37 points lower at 3,644.8. That is a fall on the week of 65.5.

This latest setback followed publication of the latest US industrial production figures showing an unexpected sharp rise of 1.2 per cent in February. Dealers fear the figures may have out paid to any further rate cuts for the time being, even though the Dow Jones average was showing signs of composing itself ahead of the

triple witching hour.
Traders will be anxious to forget the past few days after the 171-point plunge in the Dow that rounded off last week. Much of yesterday's fall was furures led. Brokers in London say Wall Street has further to fall, pointing to continuing losses among US Treasury bonds.

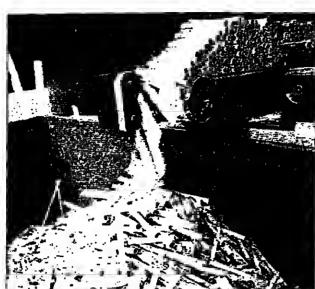
Last night the June series of the financial future was trading at a 13-point discount to the cash market, signifying that further falls in London may also be on the cards.

Among leaders BT fell 75p to 34712 p ahead of publication next week by Oftel, the industry regulator, of its new pricing formula for the Industry.

It was a day of consolidation for this week's takeover favourites, Ladbroke closed all-square at 189p. Standard Chartered was 12p firmer at 6024p, Cable & Wireless 64p stronger at 475½p, and Zeneca down 19p at £13.83.

Lucas Iodustries finished all-square at 193p after George Simpson, chief executive for a year, announced his resignation. He is expected to succeed Lord Weinstock as chief executive of GEC when his contract expires in March next year. There have been weeks of speculation about the identity of Lord Weinstock's successor. GEC recovered an early 3½p fall to finish steady at 3642 p.

Unitech, the electronic com ponents group, rose 10p to 515p after it emerged that Siebe its to buy Elektrowan's 25 per cent stake in the company. Siebe is paying 590p, or £103 million, for the 17.46 million shares. Siebe



Molins, the cigarette machine manufacturer, rose 21p

finished the session 15p better at 844p, with the speculators pondering the prospect of its making a full bid for Unitech

Last month Elektrowatt informed Eurodis Electron that is intended to dispose of its 42 per cent stake in the company which may pave the way for a hostile bid for the rest of the company. Eurodis finished 2p venue and the difficulty of obtaining a late licence had been the main contributor.

There was plenty for shareholders of Perry Group, up 24p at 177p, to celebrate after the motor distributor announced a bumper start to 1996. It said that trading in the first two months was well ahead of last year. The group unveiled full-year figures

Overnight buying of British Steel spilled over into Londoo where the price climbed 54p to 19lp on turnover of almost 14 millioo shares. Brokers say the support for the shares on both sides of the Atlantic has been prompted by talk of a pick-up in steel demand. There is also talk the group may proceed with a share buy-back.

firmer at 284p.

Break for the Border, the restaurant theme chain, fell 5p to 52p after warning that pretax profits for the current year would show only a modest increase on last year's El

Brokers had been looking for a figure of nearer £2 million. but that was before losses of £400.000 emerged at its Howl at the Moon venue in London. The group said building work disruption at the

showing a near 30 per cent leap in pre-tax profits to £6.5 million. mainly from used cars, its crash repair network and after-sales service.

Bullish comments about current trading also lifted Central Motor Auctions 3p to 69p. The first quarter was in line with expectations and the group said that if volumes continued their present trend it could expect a better outcome for 1996 than last year. Bluebird Toys.slipped lp to

#### MOVERS OF THE WEEK

COMMODITIES

+10p ...... Profits top £1 billion -57p ... Liggett to settle US court dalms .......Builish about prospects Trading well up on last year 298p after completing a £10 million share buy-back programme. SBC Warburg, the broker, picked up a total of 3.29 million shares, or 6.7 per cent of the issued share capi-

tal, on its behalf at 304p. Bluebird, which makes the Polly Pocket and Mighty Max range of toys, said the aim of the exercise was to provide a long-term capital structure and enhance earnings.

How the mighty have fallen. Blue Arrow, once Britain's biggest employment agency, has been sold to USM-quoted Corporate Services, up 4hp

Corporate Services has paid £48 million for Blue Arrow. which was the subject of a management buy-out from Manpower, its US parent company. To finance the deal Corporate Services is proceeding with a placing and open offer of 45.4 million shares at

Molins responded to a sharp rise in pre-tax profits from £5.8 million to almost £30 million with a rise in the share price of 21p to 900p. The tobacco machine manufacturer, said the main improve-ment stemmed from Chinese

The trading outlook at Eurocamp, the camping holispecialist, remained Shareholders were warned at the annual meeting that bookings were 22 per cent lower, ft closed unchanged at

204p. Wembley finished 2p lighter at 365p after announcing reduced losses, while fullyear figures and news of an acquisition lifted Aspen Communications lip to 294p.

C GILT-EDGED: A stronger then expected set of US industrial production figures pulled the rug from underneath the market. Bond prices in London retreated, along with German bunds. Losses at one stage, stretched to £4 at the longer end before closing off the bottom. In the futures pit, the June

series of the Long Gilt closed E3 lower at £1042332 in modest turnover. In longs Treasury 8 per cent 2021 finished £716 at £98916.

while at the shorter end Treasury 7 per cent 2001 was five ticks lower at £97332. D NEW YORK: Shares largely resisted the downward force from bonds and by midday the Dow Jones industrial average was 17.34 points lower at 5,568.72.

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#### MAJOR CHANGES

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Charter 854p (+23p)
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Wembley on firmer ground WEMBLEY looks to be back to winning ways.

The leisure group almost collapsed last year under the burden of crippling debts caused by several years' mismanagement. Only an emergency refinancing package, forced through in extra-time by the new management team, enabled the company to limp on.

Wembley has worked hard since then at reducing its debt burden to manageable levels. Gearing has been slashed from 324 per cent to 41 per cent. Interest cover remains at a fragile three times, but the company should be able to use its improved operating performance and further debt restructuring to shore up the balance sheet.

Wembley is predicting that this year will be is busiest ever, with the European football Championships providing the crowning moment. The American greyhound operations

introduction last year. But it is the medium-term outlook that is most exciting. The company is part of the preferred consortium bid for the Sydney Olympics and should win the lucrative contract to operate the new Olympic stadium. Wembley is also optimistic that it will secure victory in its bid to be designated a national stadium. This will enable Wembley to launch a major redevelopment of its north London site, bringing the stadium and surrounding infrastructure up to 21st century standards. The share price has been rising steadily since the rights issue last May. A dividend payout is probably another year away but the shares look attractive for a long-term buy.

#### Molins

MOLINS has demonstrated why it justifies the phenomenal rise in its share price over the past year, reporting a 24 per cent rise in pre-tax profits o £29.8 million in 1995.

At close of play yesterday the shares had seen another 21p increase to end at 900p, a prospective price/earnings ratio of 12.6, but still at a

discount to a market rating of around 13.5 times. In the past its shares lagged because of the poor quality of earnings, which were bolstered by large pension credits. But Molins has shown it is able to absorb a decline in pension credits by geoerating strong growth from its core tobacco ma-

chinery business. The continued demand for its products in China, the largest cigarette market in the world. assisted this growth and will continue to do so. Thirty per cent of the world's population is in China and about of a third of all Chinese enjoy a cigarette. The only threat to Molins's sizeable market share, pariently built up over many years, is a possible trade embargo should hostil-ities between China and

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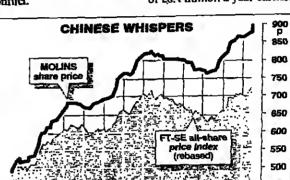
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of £6.4 million a year earlier.

corrugated board machinery operation adminedly helped by the rise in the price of paper last year. The balance sheet has been strengthened. At the year-end the company had net cash of £6.8 million. compared with borrowings

Molins also demonstrated

recovery and growth in its



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#### John Mowlem

JOHN MOWLEM'S surface structure may have been dented by one-off charges that plunged the company into loss but its foundations are now tough and prospects for the construction group

are more promising. The company struck out last autumn to stem the cash haemorrhaging in a number of operations, particularly its engineering division and building businesses in

France and Germany. It was not alone. Building as a whole is undergoing substantial reconstruction as it anempts to cope with chronic demand.

Mowlem has been more specific than most other builders, spelling out its intentions and taking fundamental action. company's 20 per cent rise in operating profits shows that its surgery is starting to work. It has trimmed its business to the

DOLLAR RATES

available.

come overnight. But at least the signs are optimistic. Corporate

Its core construction con-

tinues to suffer from low

order levels. There is little

Mowlem can do about that

but the company is effectively

managing resources in other

operations, such as hire and

sale, to produce the rise in

After Mowlem's huge re-

trenchment, success will not

operating profit.

Services Group The Corporate Services Group is not a well-known name, but its key concept of persuading employers to rely on contract labour — which it

provides and manages rather than permanent staff or temps is becoming in-creasingly familiar.

chunk of the workforce, and

although in Britain it only ac-

counts for about 2 per cent,

use of contract labour is ris-

In France, Germany and America, contract labour now accounts for a large

Corporate Services. 40 per cent of clients have made the Corporate Services has ignored Blue Arrow's chequered history, which has little to do with the company as it is today, and shareholders should do the same. They have already enjoyed the USM-listed company's sharp rises in profits and share price and with Blue Arrow's

ing as employers warm to its

its new owner. Blue Arrow.

which has been through so

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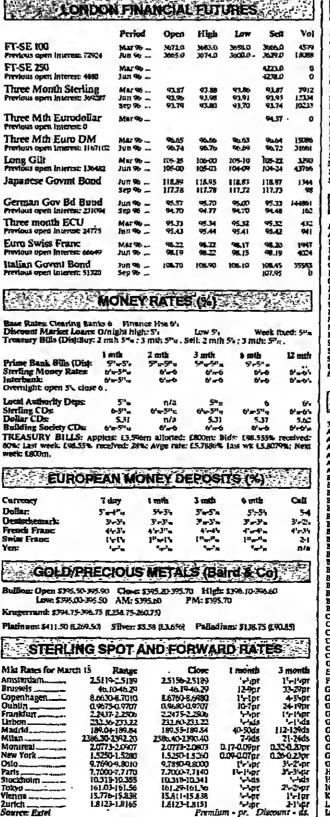
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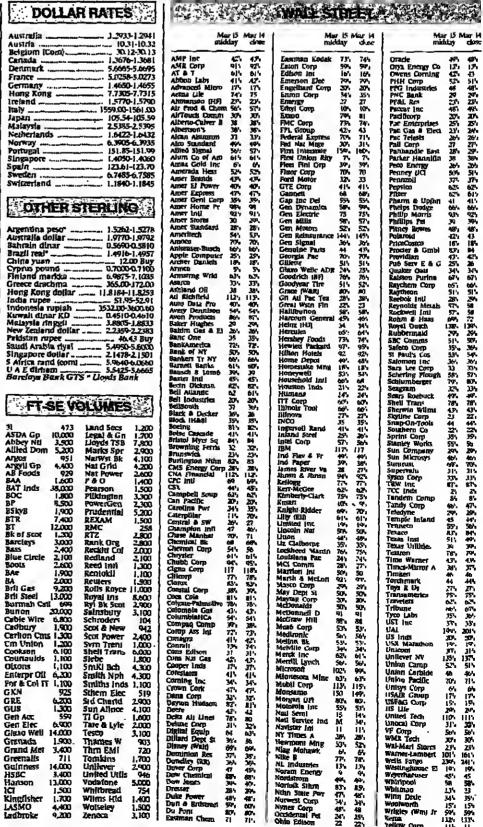
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strength in providing caterng and office workers, areas in which Corporate Services has yet to make a mark, they can expect more of the same, Blue Arrow is a good buy for Corporate Services and it is unlikely to be its last.

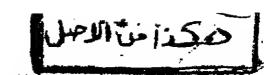
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# WEEKEND MONEY

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Payback policy at the cash-rich Pru



The Weekend Money team give some timely advice on putting readers' tax affairs in order

# Married couples race the taxman

couples who fail to make maximum use of their extra allowances could end up putting up to £473 into the taxman's pocket next year unless they act in the next three weeks.

Changes in last November's Budget that will cut the tax deducted from building society, bank and other deposit accounts from April could also lose married, higher-rate taxpayers 20 per cent of their potential investment income if they do not plan now,

☐ Married allowance All married couples qualify for

extra allowances before they start paying tax on any income. But this is automatically paid to the man unless couples iell the Revenue differently before April 5 this year. Paying the allowance to the man makes little sense if the woman pays tax on income from earnings or pensions and the man does not, according to Maurice Fitzpatrick, manager at Chantrey Vellacott, the accountant. Women with nontaxpaying husbands can unilaterally ask the Revenue for half the married couples' allowance to go to them in 1996-97. Alternatively, they can agree with their husbands that the whole allowance should go to the woman. Doing this will bring most advantage to the over-75s who get the largest married couQuick action inside three

weeks could cut your bill

says Sara **McConnell** 

ples' allowance, worth £473.25 next year. But couples between 65 and 74 will still get an allowance worth £467.25. The allowances of couples over 65 will be restricted if their income is more than £15,200. Those under 65 have an allowance worth £268.50.

Confusingly, official tax ta-bles will list much higher allowances. The under-65s allowance is £1,790 in 1996-97. the under-75s, £3,115 and the over-75s, £3,155. But the actual value of the allowance to everyone, regardless of what tax band they are in is now only 15 per cent of this. The idea of the 15 per cent restriction is to make the value of the allowance the same for everyone.

Successive Chancellors have chipped away at its value with such force that it remains a shadow of its former self, but it can still be a useful way of reducing tax bills legally for many couples.

Maurice Parry-Wingfield, partner at Touche Ross, said: The people who would most benefit from the allowance, those on lower incomes or pensioners, are the least likely to have accountants or advisers to explain the advantages of using the married couples' allowance." ☐ Investment income

From April 6, the amount of tax automatically deducted from building society and bank accounts will fall to 20 per cent for both lower and basic-rate taxpayers. But higher-rate taxpayers will still have to declare investment income and pay ao extra 20 per cent. The new lower rate means a potential saving of 20 per cent for married, higher-rate taxpayers who transfer investments into the name of a spouse paying basic-rate tax or less. There is no deadline but doing it soon will maximise

☐ Pensions Pensions are one surviving corner of the British tax system

returns.

where higher-rate taxpayers still get relief at 40 per cent. But occupational pension scheme members making additional voluntary contributions to top up pensions to the maximum 15 per cent of annual salary have to make arrangements by April 5 or lose this year's chance. Unlike personal pensions holders they cannot carry forward unused contributions from previous years.



#### Capital gain can be costly for investors

This year, many private investors will for the first time, have to confront the intricacies of capital gains tax, once a problem only for the rich. The Inland Revenue CGT

rules allow investors an annual exemption of £6,000, rising to £6,300 on April 6. Tax is payable on gains above this limit, at your highest rate of income tax. currently, 20 per cent, 25 per cent or 40 per cent. Husband and wife each have their exemp-tion. Annual exemptions cannot be carried forward, but you can set losses from previous years against gains made in the

Soaring stock markets and a spate of company takeovers mean that many may, unwittingly, have used up their annual exemption. For example, both Eastern, and Midland, the regional electricity companies, were taken over for nearly £10 a share last year. They were originally sold off for 240p. Cashbacks, handouts of as

much as £10,000 given by building societies to borrowers, may also be liable to capital gains tax, depending on the way in which the money was used.

Philip Fisher of Chantrey Vellacott, the accountancy firm, recommends that anyone who suspects that they may have a CGT liability should consult an accountant. It may be possible to dispose of a loss-making investment to reduce your overall gains.

An accountant will suggest that you make the best use of their exemption by bed and

cononue to hold. Put simply, this means selling and buying back shares overnight to crystallise a gain or loss, which should limit exposure to sudden stock market movements.

For example, your investment could have made a £3,000 gain during the year. If you sell and buy back the holdings now, at the lowest cost you can, you will not have to pay CGT. If you do not, you take the risk that when you eventually come to sell the investment, your gain will be more than the £6,000 annual

You should also consider bed and breakfasting if you have realised a gain in excess of your annual limit, but have other loss-making investments. For instance, you may have held shares in the Eastern regional electricity company, which was taken over by Hanson last year. Proceeds from the takeover could exceed your annual ex-emption limit. You may, though, have British Gas shares showing a loss. This may be the time to sell because the losses could be offset against any gain. It is important to take profes-

sional advice when considering CGT, because indexatinn can be applied to capital gains. If, for example, your investment has increased by 80 per cent over seven years, but the retail price index has also increased by that amount over the same period. your real capital gain is deemed

CAROLINE MERRELL

Weekend Money is edited by Anne Ashworth

#### Advisers say get relief while you can

The taxing intentions of Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, loom large in the advice being given by some accountants to their moneyed clients this month (Anne Ashworth writes).

Although Labour is yet to disclose its plans, the natural inclination of accountants is to annicipate the worst, and to recommend to clients that they exploit tax-saving reliefs while they are still available.

David Rothenberg, of Blick Rothenberg, the London firm. for example, points out that if for example, points out that if Tony Blair were to triumph in a summer or early autumn election this year. It would not be impossible for the incoming Labour government to amend iax raies for the 1990-97 tax year, starting on April 6, 1996". Among those recommending defensive action against the possibility of a Blair victory in

Anne Ashworth looks at rules

Labour might be keen to target

the next election is David Oliver, tax partner at Arthur Andersen. He believes that Labour would, in particular, seek to limit capital gains and inheritance tax concessions.

This view is based on Mr Brown's public pronounce-ments on the need to raise more avoidance through trusts.

reliefs would be relatively straightforward, according to Mr Öliver.

Among Labour's targets could be the inheritance tax transfer rules, allowing you to give away wealth during your lifetime, free of IHT, provided that you survive for seven years saving £400,000 in tax."

defer tax on the gains from the sale of a business, provided that you invest the cash in a new venture, could also be in

Labour's sights.

Another likely target is hold-over relief. This allow owners of family companies to pass on shares to their families and to elect to hold over the capital gain. Mr Oliver explains: This means that, with the potencial exempt transfer reliefs from inheritance tax, many owners can move assets around the

#### revenue from CGT, which conafter making the gift. The family or into trust without tributes no more than £2 billion richer you are, the more valuincurring any tax liability." Other capital gains concessions able these exempt transfers are. a year to the Exchequer. Mr that may be in peril include retirement relief, which can be Oliver also cites Tackling Tax For example, someone aged 50 Abuses, Tackling Unemployand worth 52 million may feel claimed by anyone aged 50 or he can give away £1 million and live quite happily off the ment, a Labour Party docu-ment from November 1994. more selling a business. No tax which mentions "the billions" lost to the Exchequer in tax rest. This means that £1 million is payable on the first £250,000 worth of gains. The tax is reduced by 50 per cent to 20 per is removed from his estate, Withdrawing many of the inheritance and capital gains Capital gains reinvestment relief, which enables you to

#### The blip went thataway

ne week on, what happened to that "crash"? Chinese imperial forces have fired live missiles in threatening manoeuvres off Taiwan to show what they think of democracy there, jangling a few nerves in the area. In Hong Kong, which is to rejoin the empire without the opnon next year, shares dropped about 6 per cent in a week. But this was hardly the end of the world. The Hang Seng index is still up nearly 30 per cent over 12 months. Aside from that, so far, local difficulty,

fear does not seem to be stalking the world's counting houses. Interest yields on bonds have edged up about a quarter of a percentage point on both sides of the Atlantic. Shares are still marginally down. And that is about it. Most significantly of all, private investors do not seem to have been fazed. Americans in particular are getting used to these mid-course corrections.

Last Friday night, it all seemed so different. The Dow Jnnes average of American blue chips had dropped 3 per cent in a day and the shock wave was about in hit other markets. Worryingly, the price drop had come out of blue sky. just as in October 1987, when shares had risen 40 per cent in a year and were scaling new peaks.

The Dow Jurched so abruptly because a cosy assumption underlying the latest huying round had suddenly looked false. Wall Street was banking on the next movement in short-term interest rates being down. But bond prices have heen edging lower for several weeks. Short-term interest rate futures, which show where traders think short rates



will be in up to two years' time, had already jumped more than a point. When a single, not necessarily representarive, statistic showed a bigh rise in employment in February, dealers lost their collective nerve. Why should the next rate change be down? As the US economy picked up nicely from a temporary lull, there was little reason to expect the Federal Reserve to change its policy stance at all.

This underlying tension has not gone away. Share prices have risen awfully fast in America, nearly twice as fast as in Britain. The gap between the Dow and London's FTSE 100 share index has opened to its widest for 15 years. Average dividends are little more than half those available on UK shares. The US Treasury's long bond yields about 6.7 per cent, long-dated British gilt-edged stocks about 8.4 per cent.

Such big differences are hard to justify on fundamentals of growth and inflation. Despite the tide of domestic money

surging into Wall Street via mutual funds, the conditions are still in place for a setback to American securities prices. This week's calm in financial markets suggests, however, that Wall Street can accommodate a pause to let the economy catch up with prices without panic setting in. This is reasuring to investors in London, where share prices have marked time for three months for much the same reason.

In conventional stock market cycles, the end of a bull market is like an extended wave. First, short-term interest rates rise, then long-term rates follow. The interest influence on shares finally overcomes the influence of booming company profits and the wave breaks six to nine months later. Markets are still at a relatively early stage of this cycle. The Federal Reserve is unlikely to raise rates for a while, even if it is no longer likely to cut them. In Britain, further base rate cuts are still possible. On the Continent, they are happening and should continue.

The relatively stable economy of low inflation, modest growth and careful fine-tuning by monetary policy should offer similar qualities to investors. There is little reason for share prices to be drastically cyclical because small interest rate adjustments should constantly compensate for above-trend or below-trend growth - with the usual time lags. So investors should not fear putting money into gilt-edged stocks, let alone UK shares. As usual, however, regular saving smooths out the bumps and it is on the nerves.

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# Societies try to master delicate balancing act

Building societies are holding back from cutwake of last week's base rate cut for fear of alienating their customers and possibly push-ing them into the arms of their

Societies which want to stay mutually owned rather than being taken over are coming under increasing pressure from their members to produce tangible proof of the benefits of mutuality through better rates for savers and borrowers. Large bonuses on offer from

societies converting merging have forced mutuals to fight back. At least one society, the promutual Derbyhas shire. pledged to keep

savers rates cutting its standard mortgage rate to 6.99 per cent from May I. Roger Hollick, the society's chief executive, said: "Whichever way interest rates move next we shall, in the changed environment, make sure that our savers and borrowers get ongo-ing visible and tangible bene-fits from being with the

Derbyshire. Others say they are not planning to cut rates they have just raised to encourage customer loyalty. The Nationwide, which caused a stir three weeks ago by announcing lower mortgage rates and higher savers' rates, says it has no plans to cut savers' rates back. Nationwide customers started earning 0.2 per cent more on average on their savings from the beginning of this month, as the society ploughed some of its

ith the equity market suffering from an ex-

V treme bout of the fitters and inflation apparently

well under control, investors

may now be turning their

attention to fixed-interest in-

vestments. These promise to

pay a specified rate for a set

period, at the end of which

your capital should be re-

turned in full. Most invest-

ments are safer than equity

investments, but only gilts are

Whether or not you invest in

fixed-interest products will de-

pend largely on whether you

expect interest rates to rise,

hold steady, or fall in the

coming years. Mark Bolland

of Chamberlain de Broe, the

financial adviser, says: "If you

think interest rates are going

to go up, then it doesn't make

sense to put money into fixed-

interest products. But if you

think rates will stick for a

while, they make a lot of sense.

There is also the attraction of

knowing exactly what you can

expect to earn from these

products, which makes it easi-

er to plan your finances." It is

important to remember that

entirely without risk.

demonstration of its good faith. But if savers' rates fall generally, the Nationwide admits it may be forced to follow sunt.

The Nationwide's competitors, the Halifax, Abbey National and Woolwich, all said this week they had no plans to cut savers' rates, although they privately admit that if one breaks ranks, they all will. The Woolwich and the Halifax, which have both announced plans to convert to public companies, deny they have a captive audience of savers who

do not want to lose their We shall make chance of a bonus by movsure our savers ing out funds. The Woolwich and borrowers said: There is no evidence get visible and tangible benefits money juo

records that people feel trapped. People do use their money."

Societies which have cut rates claim they have done so selectively, holding up rates on accounts most popular with small investors. The Portman. whose chief executive. Ken Culley, is chairman of the pro-mutual Building Societies Association, has cut savers' rates by 0.25 per cent on average but

per cent gross on balances of £100 and above. The Cheltenham & Gloucester, now part of Lloyds Bank, has cut rates on its London and Cheltenham Gold accounts but left rates unchanged on Direct 30 and Best 90, which It says are among its most popular.

has kept its instant access

account rate the same, at 4.8

fixed-interest investments are

a good source of income, but

they rarely provide much, if

any, capital growth. And the

value of your capital may be

eroded if inflation rises more

steeply than the fixed rates during the life of the

National Savings Certificates

Rates have fallen steadily in

recent years, in line with declining base rates. But the

43rd issue, with a tax-free yield

of 5.35 per cent, is still good

value, especially for higher rate taxpayers. To benefit from

the full rate, the certificates

must be held for five years.

There is no interest if the

certificates are redeemed in

the first year, and a reduced

amount will be paid if they are

redeemed before their full

term. Interest is paid on

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Tessas come in fixed and

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Accounts (Tessas)

#### Morag Preston on errors that can be made on rates



Mike Wonnacott is angry about a slip by the Northern Rock Building Society over its interest rates

#### s savers, chasing better rates, flood into building societies, some have unwittingly been given the wrong information by hard-pressed staff. As a result, some consumers feel hard done by when they discover that the rates or terms they were quoted over the telephone do not correspond with their actu-

al account, Mike Wonnacott, managing director of a small leasing company in Northampton-shire, felt misled by the Northern Rock after he was quoted the wrong rate for its 90-day postal account. He already had El0,000 in his 90-day account, but wanted to add E15,000 and telephoned the building society

there had been a mistake only when his passbook was sent back to him with a letter of apology from the Northern SARA MCCONNELL | Rock, explaining that he had

you can take some of the

interest each year. If you do,

the interest income will be

taxed. You can invest up to

£3.000 in the first year and up

to £1,800 in each of the

subsequent four, for a total of

Guaranteed Income Bonds

Issued by insurance companies

as lump sum investments, they

promise a set return over a specified per-

missed speculation that it is

proposing changes in the tax

treatment. The Government

has already announced plans

to publish draft legislation on life assurance policy holder

taxation in the spring. "If, as a result, there are changes to the

way guaranteed income bonds

are treated for tax purposes.

they will not apply to those

bonds already in issue," said

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Revenue yes-terday dis-

# riles savers of postal accounts is that

account. Northern Rock said: "It is possible that confusion may have arisen at a time when we were receiving thousands of inquiries about our newly launched Postal 120

Mr Wonnacott says of rate changes: "The principle at stake is the society's posturing as a high-rate payer to attract funds, and then giving a poor rate before the ink is dry in the passbook. The whole point of long-term saving is to provide

One of the major attractions

branches as well. Postal accounts, operated en-tirely via the mailbox, offer rates that are about I per cent higher than conventional

The reader was angry that he had not been told by the society in writing, and claims that, as a result of the society "moving the goalposts", he has lost as much as £200 in interest since (993.

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called 'postal', could now be

operated through their

Northern Rock says: "The fact that the account can be operated through a branch has no bearing on the rate offered . Reduction in rates can no more be described as a downgrading of the account than an increase in the rates can be

described as an upgrading." Meanwhile, there is concern that more societies will trim their savings rates after last

paid to preference sharehold-

ers before ordinary sharehold-

ers. Preference shareholders

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dations, although they come

after bond holders in the list of

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These are shares or corporate

bonds that pay a fixed rate of

interest and confer the right,

on a specifed date with set

terms, to be converted into the

company's ordinary shares,

usually at a premium of 10 to

25 per cent above the price at

the time of issue. Yield is

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shares, but lower than corpo-

These invest in fixed-interest

securities. At least half of the

fund must be invested in

corporate bonds, preference

shares and convertibles to

qualify for Pep status. The

remaining half of the fund can

be invested in whatever the

fund manager chooses, includ-

Corporate bond Peps

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A QUESTION OF MONEY

# Springing into an unsecured personal loan can be costly

springtime apparently brings a rush of borrowing. According to banks and building societies, we are just itching to buy a car, book a holiday and fit a new kitchen - and they are more than happy to lend us the money. So this month the Royal Bank of Scotland is offering cusromers a "springtime discount" of 1 per cent off the APR of its personal loan rate. Abbey National is telling its customers to "make life more complete" with a personal loan of £3,000 or more because it comes with a free rotary watch. And Alliance & Leicester says you can "get more out of life" with discounts on its loan of up to 3 per cent. However, the reality is that most personal loans

What is an unsecured personal loan?

A loan, typically be-tween £1,000 and £15,000, that requires no security against assets, such as property. Instead, the lender will decide whether to give you a loan on the basis of your credit rating. You will need to provide details of your employer, salary, monthly outgoings and so on. Because there is no security, rates are high. While the bank base rate has dropped to 6 per cent and the standard mortgage rate to 7.25 per cent, personal loan rates can still be more than 20 per cent and very few dip below 15 per cent. The rates tend to be fixed over an

one to five years:

Banks, purcome solutions ies and retailers often Banks, building societgive customers what they call preferential rates but it is worth shopping around.

headline or flat rates, Lenders may talk of but the best one still to look at is APR (annual percentage ratel. APK should take into account charges and compound interest the interest paid on interest). However, lenders do calculate APR in different ways so it is better to ask how much the loan will cost each month and multiply that by the number of months you will be paying. It will make you realise how expensive credit is: a £5,000 loan over three years at an APR of 15.5 per cent fone of the best rates avail-

A in general the more you borrow the lower the interest rate will be and

will leave you feeling anything but springlike.

Prom where do I get

agreed term, usually from

How much will it cost?

able) will cost you £1.195.

What length of term should I go for?

long with the the shorter the term the twittering of birds, cheaper it will be. At Alliance & Leicester rates range from 18.5 per cent for £500-£2,000 to 15.5 per cent for £5,000-E10,000. If you pay off a £5,000 loan without insurance over two years it will cost you £789, whereas over five years it will cost £2.057. What if I want to pay

nff the loan early?

Before taking out a loan ask if there are extra charges for settling it early. Most lenders charge a redemption penalty of two months interest. The Co-operative and Clydesdale banks offer more flexible options that allow you to vary the length of the loan at no extra cost.

Should I also take out payment protection insurance?

A Payment protection means that if you are made redundant or get sick or injured, your loan will be paid off for you. However, read the small print because there are exclusions. It also adds considerably to the overall cost of the loan. For example, a £5,000 loan over five years with Abbey National will cost an extra £1,152 if you take out payment protection. The APR will only reflect the cost of insurance where it is compulsory.

What is the cheapest loan available?

No loan is cheap but No loan is cheap but the less expensive deals on offer for a E3,000 loan. says Money Facts, are Direct
-Line (14.9 per cent, available
to comprehensive motor insurance holders only), Alliance & Leicester (15.5 per
cent, for debt consolidation cent, for debt consolidation only), Midland Bank (15.4 per cent) and Clydesdale Bank (16.2 per cent).

What alternatives are available?

Secured personal logis A can offer an APR: aslow as 7 or 8 per cent, though you risk losing your home, which you have to put up as security. You may consider a bank or building society rates are currently as low as 9.5 per cent at Abbey National and the Woolwich. However, rates vary enormously from bank to bank and if you stray into the unauthorised zone you will be heavily penalised. Another option is Save & Prosper's base rate-linked card, which has an APR of 11.4 per cent. The only drawback is that the average credit limit is £2,000 - not enough for that car, holiday or kitchen you so desperately

Money tables, page 38 SARAH JONES

# Confusion

been mistakenly quoted the higher rate for its 120-day

account Mr Wonnacott found that

Karen Zagor offers guidance to savers on securing a specified interest rate for a set period

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sbares (PIBS)

their local building society, so it is hardly surprising that most investors never see the displays in branches advertising a change in interest rates, Similarly, notifications of a cut in rates placed in national and local newspapers can be easily missed. Irritated by a drop in the rate on his Northern Rock

customers need never step into

account, another Times reader wrote to the society to query matters. It was only then that he learnt of a change in the conditions of use. He said: "To my surprise, I also found out

Time to get into an investment fix? Permanent interest bearing ter. The latter is usually the cheapest way to buy gilts, with These are special shares issued by the bigger building societies that pay a set rate of interest twice a year. Income is paid net of tax, but gains are

> ity that the shares will be These are similar to gilts, but Convertibles worth less when you sell than when you bought them. In are issued by companies. addition, if the society runs There is a greater danger that. if the company fails, it may into trouble, it may not be default on the loan. As a result, able to meet corporate bond rates tend to be its interest higher than gilts. Interest is payments. Gilts

These are bonds issued by the UK Government. The Govern-

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ment borrows the cash you use to pay for the bond. In exchange, it promises to pay a fixed rate of return. At the end of the term, the capital is repaid. Gilts can be bought and sold on the stock market, and you can sell your gilts before they reach maturity. They can be bought through banks, or stockbrokers on the National Savings Stock Regis-

free from capital gains tax.

However, there is the possibil-

charges of 0.6 per cent for the first £5.000 and 0.35 per cent on larger amounts. If you buy gilts on the stock register. interest is paid gross, although the income is taxable. Corporate Bonds

usually paid twice a year. Debentures Debentures are a form of corporate bond, where the loan is secured by specified

company assets. Preference shares These are company shares that pay a fixed dividend. They can be a good source of income, but there is a risk that the shares' market value will have fallen when you decide to

sell. If the company issuing your preference shares falls on

hard times, dividends will be

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#### Jack of all trades or master of one?

ext Munday, legisla-tion will be unveiled allowing building societies to do all sorts of splendid new things. Selling motor insurance and making more loans to business are just two examples. The reforms aim to provide a framework for the brave, new building

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society of the next millennium. Whether or not you think such changes are a good thing depends un your view of what a building society should be. Do you want to deal with a diversified financial services emporium, catering for every loan, insurance or investment need? Or would you prefer a simpler organisation, offering competitively priced savings and mortgages?

The societies themselves have requested these extra powers, presumably in re-sponse to demand from customers. The personal amhitions of chief execuoves keen to make a mark are, of course, not involved.

However, the desire to move into non-traditional areas would appear to run contrary to recent public pronouncements from those societies that wish to remain as mutuals. The Britannia, the Nationwide and the Yorkshire are among those who maintain that they have no ambitions to become banks. These societies are committed to giving old-fash-ioned value to their members.

In light of this, why would they be interested in extra commercial lending, car cover and other bank-type activities? One reason why societies should be less than eager to branch out is that past excursions into other areas, such as estate agency, have not been hugely successful. Last week, the Bristol & West's profits were reduced by an awe-



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inspiring £33.9 million loss from its ill-fated purchase of Hamptons.

The possible repercussions of the new legislation will fill customers with some dismay. But all is not gloom. Members of societies will be allowed to vote on major diversifications (what a relief). It is also expected that the Building Societies Om-budsman will acquire more muscle, perhaps to cope with all the problems arising from such ventures.

Editor The arcane, but all-important distinction between share

with share accounts enjoy the right to vote, and so qualify for flotation or merger payouts. Those who have unwittingly chosen deposit accounts have no votes and do not receive cash or shares. Unfortunately,

and deposit accounts will dis-

appear. At present, savers

this rule change will not benefit the thousands of depositors, shut out from the Alliance & Leicester, Halifax, National & Provincial and

Woolwich free-for-alls. The enfranchisement of depositors should, however, allow them to join in the next round of takeover fun. A relaxation of the rules should make it possible for foreign banks to acquire societies.

#### Pru's old excuse

THE Prudential's excuse for giving policyholders the mouse's share of its surplus assets is that shareholders are a more deserving case (see page 35). Shareholders contributed the capital that allowed the life fund to reach the happy state of having money to spare. The largest slice of the surplus assets would be some recompense

for their selfless generosity. However, some of the shareholders in question are not today's investors in the Prudential, but those who

bought the shares in the Twennes and Thirties, a detail that somewhat weakens the Prudential's argument. It is easier to make a

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compelling case for the rights of today's policyholders. They have seen high administration and management charges deducted from their premiums, which acted to reduce their returns. They have also endured a period of falling bonuses. A larger percentage of the surplus asset distribution would help

to make amends. While they wait to see how much they will receive. Pru policyholders can take com-fort in the Legal & General example. At first, L&G policyholders seemed to stand little change of any largesse. Now they are being nicely taken care of. Would the Prudential dare to look mean compared with a smaller rival?

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#### Provide against the ravages of time Beware shortcomings in life

policies and insist on

safeguards, says Karen Zagor

e all know that life assurance policies may not make us wealthy, but most of us would expect to receive more than the £8.40 that 96-year-old Grace Smith has been promised from two life assurance policies, taken out by her muther

in 1909 and 1917. Mrs Smith had hoped the policies would yield enough to help to pay for her funeral in advance, saving her family time and money. Unfortunately, when she contacted Refuge Assurance to redeem the policles, she discovered that the largest was worth only £4.75 and the smallest only £3.65,barely enough for a large bunch of flowers. "I would like

to a little interest after all these years." she says.

Part of the problem is that the last payments on Mrs Smith's policies were made in 1938, before the schemes were paid in full. The policies were, therefore, declared paid up for a reduced sum assured in that year, payable on Mrs Smith's death. The original sum as-sured was £10 for Mrs Smith's infant death policy and £9.45

for her whole-of-life policy. Even so, the reduced amounts would have gone much further in 1938 than they do today. According to the Central Statistical Office, the policies would be worth about £162 and £124 respectively if

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they had been uprated for inflation over the years. Terry Black, sales and marketing director at Refuge Assurance, said: "Both of Mrs

Smith's policies were non-profit whole-of-life contracts. There are very few non-profit policies sold these days. We have recognised that it is unfair if people keep making payments on these policies forever, so we have added bonuses to these policies for people who have continued to make payments.

"I can appreciate Mrs Smith's concern about her funeral arrangements but regret that due to the cessation of premiums the value of the contracts was greatly

Then Mrs Smith's mother took out the policies, non-profit policies were the norm. "We had 3.2 million policies in force in 1908, and 29 million were whole of life, including the infant death policies, and they were all non-profit," said Mr Black. "At a time of no social services, people wanted to avoid paupers' graves. Basi-cally, these policies were a way for people to put money aside

When Mrs Smith was born, the life expectancy for a female was 524 years. Most of the early policies were designed to last 20 or 30 years, and there was less concern about the impact of inflation.

Refuge Assurance no longer sells infant death policies. They were popular earlier in the century, when the child mortality rates were very high. Today, parents can buy child endowments. Although these do have a life element. they are primarily ways for

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parents to set aside money for their children to use in their early adult years. It is also unlikely that anyone would take out a life policy today that did not have a profits element.

Yet there are lessons we can all learn from Mrs Smith's situation. Fiona Price & Partners, the independent finacial adviser specialising in women's finances, said: "It is vitally important to ensure that any life assurance cover offers a

flexibility to change the level of cover in the future." Many of today's policies have review periods built in. It is usual to have a review after ten years, and then every five years. This allows holders to

be reviewed, and increases

made in line with inflation so

that the benefit maintains its

value in real terms. Always

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make sure they have a sufficient level of cover, and to increase premiums, if necessary. Reviews are particularly important if your circumstances have changed, perhaps by having a child or

Fiona Price says: "It should

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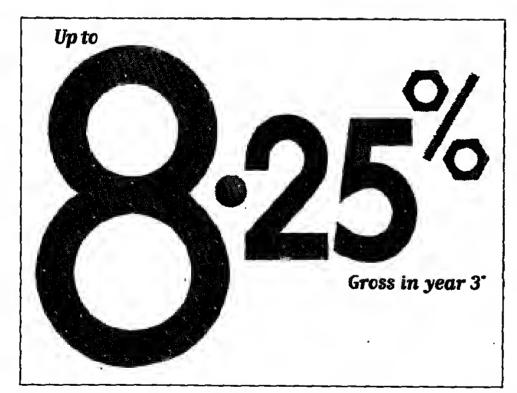
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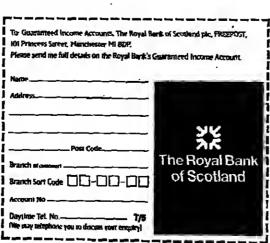
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The good news for staff employees is that your discomfort should be short-lived. Not only are you a secured creditor, you are also protected by the Department of Trade and Industry, which will see that your overdue payments are

If, on the other hand, you are part of the growing army of freelance and contract workers, you will almost certainly become an unsecured creditor. What little you finally receive from the company may take years to obtain. And it is possible you may get nothing.

Justice, the law reform group, has called for an insolvency ombudsman and would also like to see a governmentfunded free advisory service for small debtors.

David Graham, QC, who was chairman of the Justice committee report on insolvency, which was produced almost two years ago, says: There have been some changes on a practical level to the insolvency rules, but these are fine-tuning rather than anything more radical I don't think we pay sufficient attention to the suffering of ordinary people when a company they have worked

Mr Graham is cautiously

#### Life after nine to five

Karen Zagor on a lobby group

trying to help unsecured creditors

ombudsman may be introduced before too long. "Other organisations now support that idea, and the banking ombudsman has made a plea for an insolvency obudsman to

be created." The problem for unsecured creditors is that they only receive the crumbs after secured creditors - led by the Revenue, Customs and Excise and Department of Social Security. followed by banks and other institutional lenders — have taken their share.

lan Bradbury, insolvency partner at Moores Rowland, said: "Nothing can be done. It's a question of ranking with the other unsecured creditors. They are essentially entitled to a dividend after the priority creditors have been paid in full. Full-time employees, PAYE and VAT have precedence, as do debenture holders. Freelancers rank at the back of the queue."

This can pose a dilemma for

freelancers who suspect company they work for is in financial difficulties. I knew something was happening and it frustrates me that there was nothing I could do," said a freelance photographer who is owed more than £1,000 by Wordsearch, which published Blueprint, a design and architecture magazine, and Tare, an art magazine affiliated with the Tate Gallery. Wordsearch failed at the end of last year. "Before they failed. I kept phoning and was given all sorts of excuses. But as an individual you have no leverage. Companies don't always pay in order of outstanding in-

The photographer's frus-tration has been compounded by the fact that Wordsearch and the magazines have continued to trade since the liquidation. The magazines were bought by Aspen Media, and the Wordsearch studio by the original

voice, but by importance."

no legal requirement to reimburse unsecured creditors. If the new owners continue to run the business as a going concern, they may pay the unsecured creditors to generate goodwill. Aspen, for exam-: ple, is paying the outstanding debts to Tate and Blueprint

Employees who are full orpart-time staff members are in a stronger position than freelance and contract workers. John Francis, technical secretary of the Society of Practitio-ners of Insolvency, notes that under the Employment Protec-tion (Consolidation) Act, 1978, employees of failed companies will receive payments not only for unpaid wages but for unused holiday from the redundancy fund. The payment should be received in a matter of months. Employees must subreceiver. They can expect to be paid by the Department of Trade and Industry before the liquidator has had time to sort out how much is in the pot to pay preferential claims.

Some contract workers may be protected by the Employment Protection Act, but most will not. With the other unsecured creditors, they will have to wait for the liquidator to sort out preferential claims before they learn what is left for. them. "If there is a dividend at all, it will usually take a long-time to determine its size," said Mr Francis. "Twelve months. is considered quick."

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THE millennium party will be a year late at Lloyds Bank. While most of us will be celebrating the end of the 20th century in the year 2000. Lloyds is sticking strictly to calendar law and its Millennium Fund will not be maturing until June 2001 (Sarah Jones writes).

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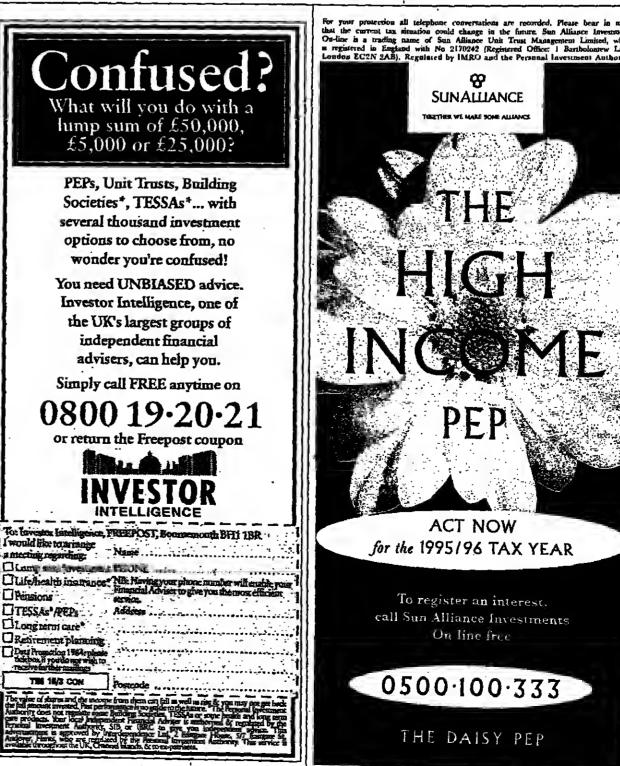
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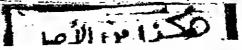
tors can leave their money in the fund - though it will no longer have the capital guarantee - or switch their investment to another Lloyds unit trust. According to figures supplied by Micropal, the only Lloyds unit trust that

comes anywhere near the top of the performance tables is its smaller companies and recovery fund. Charges are steep at 6 per cent initial charge and I per cent annual management charge. Mini-mum investment is £1,000.

However, Mark Bolland, of Chamberlain de Broe, the independent financial advis-ers, said: "If you are concerned enough about the next five years in equities to want a

guarantee, then you must question why you are going into it. If, on the other hand, you believe the FT-SE 350 is going to rise, why not go into directly and get better.

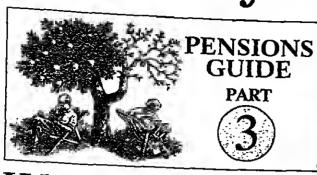




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# Women must ensure they will receive a decent pension, says Helen Pridham

# Don't rely on an ideal husband



disadvantaged when it comes to pensions. Elderly women are among the poorest in society because of their lack of retirement provision. Among the 1.5 million pensioners receiving income support, 70 per cent are women and 45 per cent are over 80. Although younger women are showing a growing interest in pensions, greater awareness is needed if women are to achieve reasonable levels of retirement income for themselves.

"Unfortunately, there is still a tendency among women to rely on their husbands or the State for the bulk of their pension provision," says Fiona Price, managing director of Fiona Price & Partners, the independent financial advisers. With the value of the state pension declining and so many marriages ending in divorce, a woman cannot afford to rely too heavily either on her spouse or the Government to keep her in retirement.

In fact, women have never done very well out of the state scheme. At present, only 56 per cent of women over pension age receive a full basic pension based on their own or a deceased husband's National Insurance contributions, conpared with 95 per cent of men who receive a full basic

In future, the percentage of women receiving full pensions will increase as a result of the introduction of HRP (Home Responsibilities Protection) for time spent at home looking

after children and the abolition of the married woman's NI stamp. But there will still be some women who lose out because they do not qualify for HRP or are on low earnings and therefore not paying NI contributions.

At present, only 34 per cent of retired women get an occupational pension, compared with 66 per cent of men. But the number of women, including part-ome women workers, joining employers' schemes is increasing. Even women working full-time tend to be in lowerpaid jobs. Nevertheless, at least if a woman is a member of an employer's pension scheme, her employer will be contributing to her pension too.

Those women who do not

have access to a company pension scheme will need to take out a personal pension plan as early as they can. Insurers report that increasing numbers of women are now doing so. Social security statistics show that 20 per cent of female employees now have a personal pension plan. Indeed, Steve Bee, pensions manager at the Prudential, said: "We are currently selling slightly more personal pension plans to women than to men."

However, besides earning less, another major disadvantage for women is that many still take career breaks to bring up children, which cuts down the time they have to save towards a pension. Stephen Phillips, marketing manager at National Mutual Life, points



THE House of Lords is trying to force the Government to bring in legislation requiring the splitting of pension assets on divorce. As Ron Spill. pensions expert at Legal & General, points out: This would be much more advantageous to women than the Government's current plan ing' part of a husband's pension for an ex-wife after retirement. This would still leave her without a share in his pension when he dies. If she gets part of the assets, she

can be sure of some pension throughout her retirement." However. Mr Spill says that pensions splitting should not be

regarded as a panacea by wives who fear divorce. He says: "Many men are themselves failing to make adequate pension provision, so women still need to think about topping up

Widows also need to be careful about any pension they receive from their deceased husband's scheme and should check whether it will continue if they remarry.



Women who do not have access to a company scheme should take out a personal pension plan

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out that such a gap can result in a significantly lower pension fund at retirement. "Take a woman of 21 who starts saving £50 per month escalating at 5 per cent a year. Assuming 9 per cent investment growth, her fund will be \$260,000 by the time she reaches age 60. However, if she takes a five-year break, say between the age of 28 and 33, her fund will fall to £179,000 - or over 30 per cent. But this is still better than not starting the plan until after her break at age 33. If she delayed until then, her final fund would be worth just £106,000 - nearly 60 per cent less, because there would be no growth on earlier

Mr Phillips believes it is unfair that women are not allowed to contribute to their pension during their career breaks even if they have money available. He explains: "Under current rules, you must have relevant earnings in order to contribute to a personal pension plan and get tax relief. We have suggested to the Government that women should be allowed to continue their contributions net of basic rate tax up to a certain limit during these

contributions.

#### As things stand, however, WHAT TO ASK women about to take out a personal pension plan need to look carefully at how the plans Does my fund have to be a

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#### Part-timers await decision on backdating

Part-time workers who succeed in joining their employer's pension scheme hold out for larger backdated payments, if an industrial tribunal in Northern Ireland persuades the European Court to establish new compensation

principles. Tens of thousands of part-timers, mostly women, are still wairing for industrial tribunal rulings on claims that they have been wrongly excluded from occupational schemes and that exclusion amounts to indirect sex discrimination. Their claims follow a European Court ruling in September 1994 that part-timers who could prove discrimination could join their employer's scheme and claim benefits retrospectively. They have been waiting nearly a year for a decision that will have a fundamental effect on retirement income. Others could still be eligible to claim.

The European Court set no limit on retrospective claims. But as the law stands in Britain, successful claimants can only backdate benefits two years.

#### Sara McConnell reports on

an impending judgment

Pensions are considered part of pay, and the British Government has ruled they should be dealt with under the Equal Pay Act, which allows only two years' backdating. In many cases, the resulting payment is small. A tribunal in Northern Ireland is poised to ask the European Court to rule on whether such backdated benefits are adequate. The Sex Discrimination Act, which covers everything except pay, now has no upper limit on compensation.

Meanwhile, the TUC and the Equal Opportunities Commission are also challenging, through the Employment Appeal Tribunal, the Government's decision that claims should be decided under the Equal Pay Act. Some ZZ test cases were heard this week. The TUC is arguing that benefits should be backdated to 1976, the date of an earlier European Court decision. It is also fighting the ruling of the industrial tribunal last year that some claims put in

before the end of March 1995 should be time-barred. Under the Equal Pay Act, people have only six months to put in a claim after they have left their employment. But the women in the test cases are arguing that they could not reasonably have known they were being discriminated against until they saw press reports of the European Court judgment in 1994. In many cases, this was years after they had left

the employer whose pension they were trying to join.

A further 60,000 people who have already made claims are waiting for the result of the test cases.

Those who have left their employer will probably not be able to claim now if they have not already. But others still working for the same employer could make claims.

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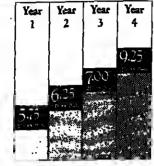
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except when it comes to credit card interest rates. Swift to follow base rate increases, credit card issuers are proving stubbornly snail-like as we see the base rate tumble.

The latest drop in base rates to 6 per cent, however, has prompted some scratching of heads. NatWest, Lloyds and Midland all say their rates are under review, and Barclavcard has cut its APR (annual percentage rate) by 0.3 percentage points to 22.3 per cent. Given that base rates have been on a downward trend for

building societies such as the Newcastle, and insurance companies like Churchill are three months and that mortgage rates have dropped to 7.25 per cent, why do other entering the market. The latest recruit, RBS Advanta, believes forms of borrowing remain so high? "It costs a large issuer it has worried the main issuers. "To date, providers have

justify high rates of interest.

It would seem that competi-

changes may stir the main

sbelf affinity card, used by

several charities and organ-

isations, pays the affinity part-oer £5 for each new account

and 25p for every £100 spent.

starts at 14.9 per cent for new

accounts, but jumps to 18.9

particularly attractive.

The interest rate is not

Watchdog may join in

THE Consumers' Association is hoping to launch a credit card, to the surprise of other providers (Sarah Jones writes). "It must be revenue driving them to do it," says a spokesman for one credit card company. "Surely the Consumers' Association should not be endorsing one particular product? It's meant to be independent and neutral."

"Legal & General now has the

per cent after six months. The association said: This is one of several options we The card would be an affinity card run by the Bene-

focused on things like payabout £250,000 each time they change the rate so they tend to ment protection or promotions make one big cut when they and they have shied away see whether the trend is up or from price. That is now changdown," says Liz Phillips of the ing." says Mark Austin, of RBS Advanta. "Consumers industry's Credit Card Research Group, in an attempt to used to believe that all credit cards were the same, but now they see that some are priced

Sarah Jones on the newcomers

in a crowded credit market

tion rather than base rate competitively." RBS Advanta, a joint venissuers. Abbey National, ture between the Royal Bank of Scotland and Advanta, the American credit card company, says it has been pleasantly surprised by the number of customers transferring to their card. So does Save & Prosper, which offers one card with an APR of 14.6 per cent, a £12 annual fee and a second card with a base rate-linked return and no interest-free

> RBS Advanta offers an interest-free period of 56 days and no fee. The rate will be 8.63 per cent above the annual base rate and so last week the APR dropped to 14.63 per cent. Save & Prosper's base rate-linked card, which guarantees a rate of 5 per cent above the base rate, also automatically went down — to 11.5 per cent APR. The Cooperative Bank offers a base rate card but its APR shoots up

Money Marketing, 23rd November 1995.



TV ad star Rowan Atkinson extols the virtues of Barclaycard - but interest rates remain high

to 20.9 per cent when you factor in the £120 annual fee. Another American company, the People's Bank, is set to launch a credit card which. it says, will have one of the lowest rates available.

But if you do decide to switch, check the small print. Lloyds Bank, for example, is offering a rate of 16.2 per cent for six months - as long as your debts are at least £2,000.

#### Second-hand is not second rate

housands of people who own with-profits life policies are surrendering them early instead of selling them on for a better price (Marianne Curphey writes).

Beale Dobie, which trades second-hand endowment policies. says many people are unaware that if they wish to stop paying into a policy, they do not need to accept the surrender value offered by the life company.

There is an increasing demand for second-hand policies because of rumours that mutual companies will seek stock market listings. Should they do so, they are very likely to pay a one-off bonus or offer new shares to their existing policyholders.

There is also the prospect that mutuals might be taken over by larger companies, and policyholders again might benefit in the form of a payout.

According to David Beale, Beale Dobie's joint managing director, the market for secondhand policies is also being driven by speculation that some life funds will redistribute surplus assets between policyholders and shareholders.

This has happened in the case of Legal & General, which announced this week that withprofits policyholders would benefit from a £163 million

share of surplus funds, while E18 million of the so-called "orphan assets" would go to

Mr Beale said: "When L&G announced its plans we saw a huge demand for second-hand policies and their price went up as a result. Now that the Prudenoal is also hoping to redistribute some of its surplus assets, we are starting to experience requests for old. Pru policies, although few people seem

to sell them on." He says Standard Life and Scottish Widows, the mutual life insurers, also have surplus assets from profits built up over orany years, and may choose to redistrubute them. However, neither company nounced this yet,

Demand for Britannic and Refuge Assurance policies rose when these two companies applied to share out their surplus funds. However, this does not apply to people who own ordinary insurance policies with L&G or its peers. Nor is there any trade in unit-linked policies, since their value is determined only by the value of their units, and policyholders are not in line for a share of any surplus profits.

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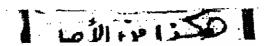
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Marianne Curphey on

options for the super-rich Pru

the giveaway

The Prudential is the latest in a line of life companies which have built up millions, in some cases billions, of pounds of surplus assets over the years and are now trying to redistribute them. But who will be the greatest heneficiary shareholders or policyhulders?

Where have the surplus Where nave the Su funds come from?

These lunds, sometimes known as "orphan" assets, are amounts in a withprofits life fund beyond what is needed to meet the reasonable expectations of policyholders. They have accrued because past profits from investment have exceeded the actual payouts given to policyholders. and the maximum inanagement fee has not always been charged to the life fund. Profit is also made when a holder surrenders his policy early.

Among listed life companies, the "urphan" assets arise because shareholders originally put up equity capi-tal to support the development of the long-term insurance fund. Establishing who owns these reserves is a legally complex and time-consuming process. The Pru's argument rs that shareholders have not received their full entitlement to the surpluses over time. It says that in the 1920s and 1930s shareholders put money into the fund, and from 1950 to 1980, when the fund was growing, they did not take out their full entitlement.

How could the redistri-bution benefit me?

In the case of the Pruden-inal, it is 100 early to say. The company, which has asked the Department of Track and Industry for a ruling, says the life fund is werfit E38 billion, of which E31' pilion belongs to policyhold-

s. The remaining £8 billion in theory, a "free asset".
hough the Pru will not say w much might be "orphan" ds. The City estimates the ual funds available for istribution to be between 0 million and £5 billion, would like to see it all go shareholders. However, agreement by the DTI ld almost certainly ree the company to make a is payment to policyhold-The process could take 18 ths. Policyholders might given a one-off windfall

us. Shareholders could

efit from higher dividends.



# Payback policy at the Prudential

Is the Pru the first to do this?

No. This week 1.4 mil-No. This week 1.4 mil-lion legal & General with-profits policyholders, who were initially omitted from plans to rest how surplus funds, learnt how much they will receive from a similar redistribution. They will be given an extra 30 per cent on their annual reversionary bonus. Anyone with a 25year, £30-a-month maturing policy could expect to receive

an extra £900 or so. The whole life industry is estimated to have a surplus of between £35 billion and £40 billion, of which around £8.5 billion has been amassed by quoted companies with shareholder interests.

The issue was highlighted in 1992, when London & Manchester won approval from the DTT, which regulates insurance companies, for dipping into its orphan assets. It was followed by United Friendly, which agreed that £275 million of a £2 billion life fund was attributable to shareholders. Then Britannic, with surplus funds of around £1.2 billion, and Refuge, with £630 million, began discussions with the DTI.

Are other companies interested in doing the

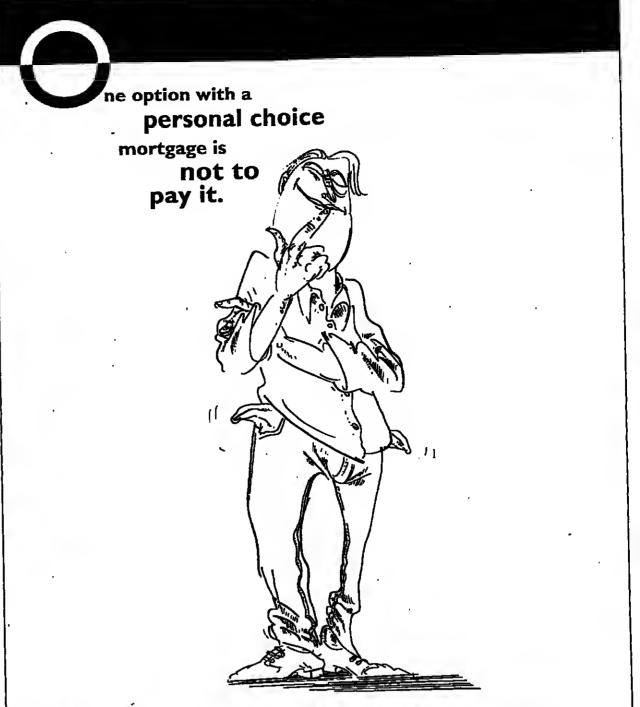
One of the larger quoted life companies. Lloyds Abbey Life, says it is unlikely to take the same path as the Pru. Laurel Powers-Freeling, LAL group finance director, said few of its policies were with-profits and so, although the company did bave some assets, they were not available for redistribution in the same way as the Pru.

What else might the Pru use the money for?

The Pru has hinted it A would like to use some of the money to buy a mutual life insurer or a building society. There would then be a smaller pot to boost shareholders' funds and add to dividends. Nevertheless, shareholders could benefit from the extra business generated by a wellchosen acquisition, and from any investment gain on the fund which arises before it is

So everyone is a winner?

A On this occasion, it looks as though the Pru would like to tip the ratio in favour of shareholders. The company's shares have already risen in anticipation of a bumper dividend. Even if there is a payout for policyholders, it will not be given to anyone with a unit-linked policy, nor people who have a motor or household insurance policy with the Pru.
Speculators might buy the
shares, but they would be
unwise to buy a with-profits policy in the hope of landing a big bonus. Payouts are unlikely to be large enough to make that worthwhile.



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investors must anyway take a

much longer-term view of their

portfolios. They have to see

through a poor set of statistics.

In the US, this was stronger

than expected employment

data dashing hopes of an early

interest rate cut. A not dissimi-

lar situation occurred in the UK on Wednesday when an unexpected 6,300 rise in the

unemployment ended two-and-a-half years of falling job-

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#### Private investors stand firm nvate investors have to be far more sanguine than professional moneymakers. Take this week's bout of jitters on Wall Street and in London. As the markets opened on Monday ollowing a 171-point fall in the Dow Jones Index the previous Friday many City analysts predicted a stock market crash comparable to that of October 1987. But why? And how should unit and investment trust investors react to such doomsday scenarios? That such an event did not occur is, in part due to procedures put in place after the 1987 crash. These stipulate that when the US market falls by a certain number of points in any one day, the multi-

Investment trusts may beat unit trusts as the way to ride into a single country such as Chile

Robert Miller on taking the long view via a trust

rate cut to stimulate a sluggish

economy.

Private investors must consider many more factors. Do you want income or capital growth? Do you want an internationally diversified portfolio through one investment or unit trust or do you want to allocate your money to different markets, sectors or regions that you have chosen yourself? Generally, the performance of individual managers and their bouses should be a more decisive factor than whether you opt for an invest-

However, investment trusts do enjoy certain advantages. If, for example, you want to invest in a single country, such as with Five Arrows Chile, managed by Rothschild, or a sector such as mining or venture capital, an investment Investors looking to make a trust may be a better choice. Paul Myners, chairman of Gartmore, the fund manage

ment group about to be bought by NatWest for £425 million, runs both unit and investment trusts. He says: "As a private investor, you must generally take a minimum two-year

nomic data such as that which triggered the most recent bout of stock market nervousness will, in a month's time, be overtaken by other statistics possibly putting a very different light on matters."

profit on predatory activity in the investment trust sector this year could be disappointed. Many observers now believe that the tantalising prospect of a hostile bidder realising assets at full market value from an underperforming investment trust portfolio are overview on your investment, Eco- done. Nevertheless.

to grow on laggards in the investment trust sector, leading to re-organisations and possibly a change of manager. Such actions are generally to the benefit of shareholders and other similar trusts.

One investment trust analyst taking a sanguine view of recent stock market jitters is Peter Walls, of Credit Lyonnais Laing (CLL). He sees no reason to change the house view on investment trusts after the recent market events.

n the investment scales. CLL says, the political uncertainty of a decreasing Government majority in the Commons and a November US presidential election, coupled with the prospect of inflation creeping back into economies is outweighed by more positive factors involv-ing low interest rates, corporate activity, sterling, private investor interest, Japan and the Far East story.

CLL advises investment trust investors to move to "an overweight position in the expectation of significant outperformance relative to the FT-SE All Share Index". That exposure may be too rich for some and a judicious mix of investment and unit trusts may be more suitable.

CLL yesterday up-dated its 1996 list of trusts to watch and these include Martin Currie's Scottish Eastern and Baillie Gifford's Scorrish Mortgage, in the international generalists category. On the income side, with a 5.2 per cent yield, is fvory & Sime's Investors Capi-

#### When a hostile bidder gallops in

BIG time investors such as the Bank of England and Gartmore, both of whom have a stake in the £235 million Cayman Island-based GT Chile fund, which is the target of a hostile bid, can take care of themselves. But how well are private investors looked after?

This week the predatory Regent Kingpin Acquisitions reached an agreement with GT Chile's board to offer shareholders other options to the original offer of Regent paper which could then be converted into cash roughly equivalent to the net asset value (NAV) of the underlying portfolio. Now shareholders will have the additional choices of a new fund run by Regent Kingpin or another fund run by LGT Asset Management, an arm of GT's Liechtenstein-based owners.

For the offer to succeed, 75 per cent of the Cayman Islands court and the whether there is a UK-authorised unit or, Dickson.



London Stock Exchange. And berein lies the dilemma for private shareholders in an offshore close-ended fund such as GT

Such vehicles are not investment trusts and are therefore not subject to the strict company rules and investment trust regulations laid down in the UK. That is not to say that you should never consider such an investment. However, the first you should ask yourself

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Inflation uncertainty and volatility in US markets is pushing up fixed rates

# Fixed-rate loans the only way is up

any building societ-ies and banks with-dryw their fixed-rate mortgages last week in the wake of turbulence in the US stock market. The rates on it fixed-rate mertgages are determined by money market interest rate perceptions. Insiders attempt to predict what will happen to interest rates over

specific time periods. Uncertainty in the US over inflation and volatility in both the stock market and the bond market is pushing up fixed rates. The looming general election in this country is also having an effect on the direction of rates.

Societies that are withdrawing fixed and discounted rates included Northern Rock, National & Provincial, Bristol & West and Alliance & Leicester. Some have replaced them with higher rates, while others. such as Alliance & Leicester,

Caroline Merrell

blames growing

are waiting to see what happens over the next few days before deciding whether to relaunch their products, and. if so, at what rates.

Lenders tended towards withdrawing their five to tenyear fixed-rate loans, leaving intact one and two-year fixed

mortgages. An Alliance & Leicester spokeswoman said: "We decided to withdraw three-year, and five-year fixed rates because of the turbulent market conditions. We do not like having to do this, but we hope to be able to come back with rates similar

to the ones which were withmarket."

> a tad overdone." She points out that in spite of the rise in rates, it is still possible to take out a five-year fixed loan with a rate of under 8 per cent. She added: "This is still a very good rate which

Simon Tyler, of Chase de Vere, the mortgage broker. said: "Everyone is shifting the rates around, with the direct operators keeping the rates

lower. Ian Darby, marketing director at John Charcol, said: "Best buys include a fixed rate from Northern Rock at 7.24, a 7.39 five-year fixed rate from Nationwide and a 6.79 per cent five-year rate from the Coventry, although it carries a 3 per

five-year loan was fixed at 7.45 per cent. The society is still uncertainty for offering a one-year fixed rate of 1.95 per cent and a two-year the increases fix of 4.99 per cent.

On the other hand, most lenders have now cut their variable rates in response to the 0.25 per cent cut in base rates last week. Variable rates are now at around 7.25 per cent. Bradford & Bingley is still

drawn." The three-year fixed

rate was 6.7 per cent, while the

offering the best variable rate at 5.99 per cent, while Nationwide has a competitive variable rate of 6.99 per cent.

Christopher Dean, fund manager of the Bradford & Bingley, said: "Things in the States have pushed up fiveyear rates from 7.42 to 7.74 per cent, while ten-year rates have risen from 8.15 to 8.38 per cent, There is a general perception that interest rates will go up in the longer term, although a lot has already been built into the

Margaret Schwarz, Abbey National's chief economist, believes that fixed-rate mortgages are now politically priced. She said: "Five-year rates are quite volatile because of the uncertainty of the election. The reaction is probably

takes away the uncertainty for

many borrowers."

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Karen Zagor on the transatlantic theatrics

# Markets not for the faint of heart

The world was shaken posure last Friday. By Monday evening, a recovery was being mooted. But Tuesday saw further turmoil before Wednesday's promise of re-newed calm. By Friday, stability appeared to be a distant

The dramatic events of this week have nothing to do with the Middle East or the former Yugoslavia, and everything to do with the international nature of stock markets. So what, exactly, happened this week. and what does it mean for

The theatrics started last Friday in the US, with the release of the strongest month-ly employment numbers in 13 years. A strong rise in employment may sound like good news, but for the markets, robust employment data can spell disaster. Markets are extremely sen-

tive to interest rates and tend to rise when rates fall. When people are employed, they have more money to spend and there is a danger that strong spending will trigger inflation. Raising base rates is one method of trying to curb inflation. So the US employment numbers depressed the market by quashing all hopes of an imminent cut in base

As a result of the employment figures, the Dow Jones industrial average — the US market index of blue chip companies — plummeted 171.24 points to 5,470.45. Ironically, Friday's news of

LONDON AND NEW YORK MOVE IN STEP DOW JONES MAMJJASONDJFM

a 25 basis points cut in UK interest rates barely registered on the stock market, in part because the move had been widely anticipated. Instead, London reacted to the news from the US, and the FT-SE 100 index dropped 47.9 points to 3,710.3. The loss might have been worse had trading continued into the night, when the

Dow posted its greatest losses. It is not unusual for world markets to react to events in the US. Last year's low US interest rates helped markets around the world, including the UK. It was not surprising that bad news would have a similar effect.

On Monday morning. Wall Street's Friday losses sent the FT-SE 100 tumbling more than 80 points. But the index later retraced most of its losses to close 35.8 points lower at 3,674.5, thanks largely to renewed confidence in the US and the growing sentiment

reacted to the employment numbers. In the US, the Dow gained 110.55 points on the day, its third biggest one-day gain ever, recovering about two thirds of Friday's losses.

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But Tuesday saw renewed nervousness. The FT-SE 100 moved in a 68-point range during the day before ending the session 35 points lower at 3,639.5, while Wall Street started the day with a 96-point drop before recovering to add almost three points on the day.

By Wednesday. London shares, which had lost more than 130 points over the previous five days, finally started to staunch their losses. The FT-SE 100 edged 0.8 higher to 3,640.3, while the Dow slipped 15.17 to 5,568.72.

The gains continued into Thursday, with the FT-SE 100 adding 41.5 points to close at 3,681.8 and the Dow closing at 5,586.06, up 17.34 points.

But Friday saw a return of market jitters, with the FT-SE 100 index following Wall Street lower through the day.

For private investors, the events of this week are a timely reminder that markets are volatile and equity investments carry a risk. In spite of recent gyrations, both UK and US equity markets are at near-

record levels. Whether they are able to maintain this comparative strength remains to be seen, but if there is any lesson to be learnt from this week, it is that equity investments are not for the short term or for the faint

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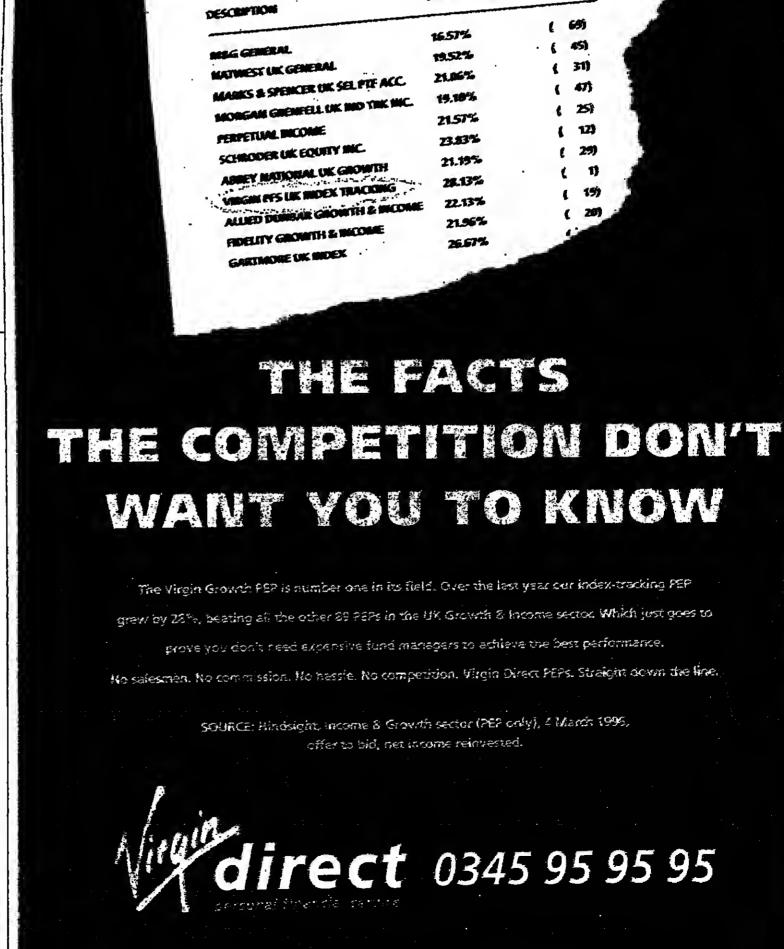
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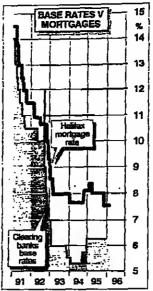
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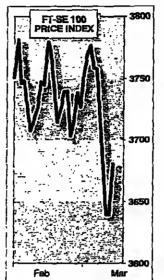
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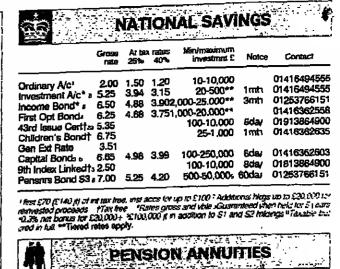
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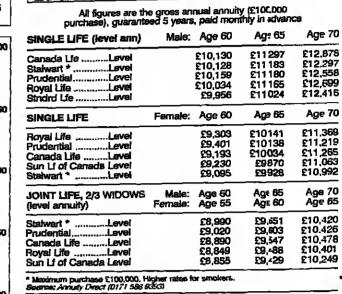
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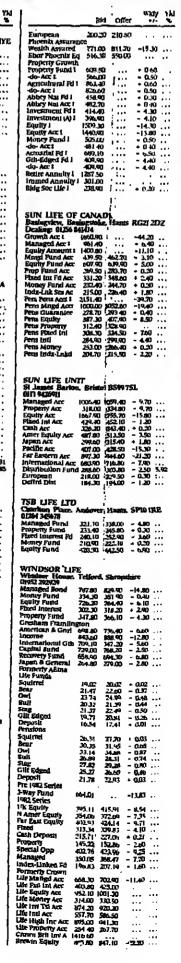
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Charges may take much of the interest out of Peps •¥rom D. H. Craighead Sir. A few months ago. 1

Once upon a time to invest meant received a report on a Pep which I had taken out in 1994. to buy in order to earn interest or This showed that the value of bring profit to the buyer the Pep, including reinvested income, was still below the purchase price of £6,000, in

spite of the fact that the FT-SE 100 index had risen substantially over the same period. On querying the maner, 1 was told that an upfrom fee of 5 per cent had been deducted. plus an annual management fee of 1.25 per cent. The difference between the buying and selling price of units. currently stood at 6.36 per

This means that, even if the investment is retained for five years, the annual income plus capital gains must amount to over 14 per cent before the tax saving of 25 per cent tax rate is sufficient to cover the charges

The various Peps that are sold have different rates of charges and some make no upfront charge at all, provided the investment is held for at

least five years. I wonder. however, how many investors take into account the difference between buying and selling rates for units and the effect this has on the total costs. If such calculations are made correctly, then invest-

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ment in many Peps becomes of very marginal interest. Yours faithfully, D. H. CRAIGHEAD. Whispering Firs. Ashridge Lane. Tigley, near Tomes,

#### Bona fide N&P saver eligible to vote but not in a state of saving grace

From Mr C. Kitson 5ir, Having received my transfer document for the proposed merger of the National and Provincial Building Society with Abbey National, I find myself in the peculiar position of being entitled to vote, but not entitled to any benefits. This is in spite of being a saver with the N&P for more than ten years.

According to the document, to be an eligible saver I needed £100 in my account at midnight on April 28, 1995. Yet to be an eligible voter I needed El00 in my account at mid-night December 31, 1995. I am an eligible voter but not an eligible saver. Yet to qualify for the Statutory Cash Bonus I must not be eligible to vote. Thus I get nothing from this

merger at all. This was con-firmed by the N&P helpline. I would, therefore, urge any N&P savers to read the transfer document carefully and if they fall into this trap, vote against the merger. Yours faithfully, CHARLES KITSON, 24 Northill Road, Bedfordshire.

#### Golden age for homeowners

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From Mr P.J. Watts

Sir, Are we alone in feeling somewhat unimpressed by the recent reductions in mortgage rates? We bought our second house in 1959 with the help of a mortgage of £2,000 provided by the local authority in Tonbridge, Kent.

These mortgages were available at 5 per cent, fixed throughout the term of 20 years, with capital repaid at a fixed rate each quarter and interest charged on the reducing balance

This had the advantage that the amount payable reduced by exactly the same figure each quarter and we always knew bow much we owed and what the next quarterly pay-ment would be. Today, everything is so unbelievably complex, and some might think unnecessarily so, that very few borrowers could say the same. It must have been a golden age.

Many years ago, the fire-brand socialist politician, Mr Aneurin Bevan, used to rage about a situation where the only possible way for working people to own a house was to become "a slave to a mort-gage". I wonder what this gentleman might have thought if he could have seen how things are done today.

Yours faithfully, PJ. WATTS. Oak Cottage. St Briavels Common. Nr. Lydney, Gloucestershire.

#### A Tessa delay exceeded with ease

From Mr S. Blake Sir, Mrs T. P. Colwell (Weekend Money Letters, March 2) asked if anyone could beat a 13-day delay in obtaining a Halifax Tessa Maturity Certif-

icate. Easily! Mine matured on January 21 and I received my Certificateon March 2 - 41 days and

two phone calls later. I wrote to ask why there was a £50 difference in what they

#### Infuriated by Granada delay

From Miss S. A. Lush Sir. Has there been a general outcry about the delay in dispatching cheques to those Forte shareholders who chose to sell to Granada after its bid was successful?

A cheque for some thousand pounds, dated February 16. reached me on February 28. It was sent by first-class mail and showed no sign of having wandered on the way to me. What happened to the money for those 12 days?

Yours faithfully, S. A. LUSH, 134 Arlington Drive. Old Marston, Oxford.

were publishing as a maximum maturity figure and the amount I received. They replied that I hadn't made my first and subsequent payments on January 1 of each

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Yours faithfully, S. BLAKE 66 Lakeside Place London Colney St Albans

#### Friendly rivalry in maturity

From Mr John Bryant Sir, I read Mr Brabbins's letter (Weekend Money, March 2) with great envy! My wife's friendly society policy has just matured, providing £1,382 after ten annual payments of £100. Bearing in mind that Mr Brabbins's policy for £200 per annum over ten years provided £3,231, he seems to have done extremely

Needless to say, 1 am writing to Family Assurance for its comments.

Yours faithfully. JOHN BRYANT. 42 Market Square. Toddington, Bedfordshire.

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#### Debt-counselling company in liquidation ble for monitoring Union Finance

has this week written to clients of Union Finance, the controversial debt-counselling company, telling them that the firm has gone into liquidation

The receiver has been besieged with calls from anxious Union Finance clients who had tried and failed to get through to the firm's offices in Southend. The Times has received similar calls. Borrowers who contacted The Times are facing debts of tens of thousands of pounds after following Union Finance's advice, which they say they have oo hope of paying. The Office of Fair Trading, which regulated Union Finance, admitted this week that it was possible other firms could set up offering similar advice. Union Finance promised thousands of borrowers that they could free themselves from negative equity and walk away from their debt by exploiting a loophole in mortgage indemnity in-surance taken out to cover the loan.

It claimed that borrowers could not

be chased for any shortfall because the



Walker: wants to help borrowers

they were powerless to act. Trading

standards officers, who were responsi-

mortgage indemnity covered the bor-rower not the lender. It charged oearly £500 for this advice. Lenders insisted the advice was wrong and that they could and would chase the borrowers. But they allowed Union Finance to continue giving what they said was

lender's benefit. Union Finance was finally wound up when it reneged on a previous promise to pay an £8,000 legal bill incurred by one of its clients. The client served a winding up petition.

The receiver now has all Union Finance's client files and is setting up a

database of names and addresses. But it is poised to hand the case over to A. W. Mudd of Billericay. a firm of insolvency practitioners.

under the Consumer Credit Act, say

they were also forced to stand helpless-

ly by, because Union Finance was

doing nothing illegal. Courts in sev-

eral cases unconnected with Union Finance had ruled that the mortgage

indemnity insurance was for the

The receiver was unable to give Unioo Finance borrowers any advice. They now face months of uncertainty while Union Finance's affairs are unravelled. Many borrowers handed flawed advice for 13 months, saying their keys back to their lender. believing they could not be chased for any shortfall after their lender was

forced to repossess and sell at a loss. But lenders insist borrowers are still liable for the remaining outstanding debt, which is continuing to mount up with interest and legal costs.

Borrowers who contacted The Times bave been told by lenders that their properties have been sold for nearly half the original price. They are now awaiting statements from their lenders of what they owe and face court action if they cannot pay.

Peter Walker, the founder of Union

Finance, has reappeared as a consultant to a Southend firm, Concept Management. He says his new firm has nothing to do with exploiting loopholes in mortgage guarantee insur-ance. He expressed regret when told of Union Finance borrowers' difficulties but insisted: "The concept of mort-gage indemnity loopholes is still correct". He blamed lenders for failing to negotiate with borrowers but offered to "try his damnedest" to help borrowers if they contacted him.

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# Welham puts Whitaker in good heart

FROM JENNY MACARTHUR IN 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH

JOHN WHITAKER, of Great Britain, the runner-up with Grannusch on the opening day of the Volvo World Cup show jumping meeting here. continued his successful week when he and Welham, the horse he rides in the World Cup qualifier tomorrow, won. the Rabobank Prize yesterday by a comfortable 1.68sec.

Emile Hendrix, a member of Holland's gold medal-winning team at the 1991 European championships, finished joint-second on his Dutchbred mare, Finesse, with Peter Eriksson, the leading Swedish rider, on his stallion, Robin.

Despite Welham's 16 years. Whitaker is confident that the part trish-bred gelding, who won the opening event in Dortmund last week, is still improving. Owned by Keeley Ourham. Welham was originally lent to Whitaker for the 1994 Olympia Show in order to give the horse some international experience. He had previously jumped mainly in Young Rider classes.

Whitaker formed an instant partnership with him - winning on the second day of the show - and was invited to keep the ride providing Welham remained stabled at Durham's Noninghamshire

They went on to gain numerous successes last year. including a team silver and individual fifth place at the European championships. Welham, who had no difficulty in coping with the big chantpionship fences, is now Whitaker's main hope for the Olympic Games in Atlanta.

The British had a disappointing showing in the

Hydraudyna Prize in which Henk van der Pol, of Holland, finished first and second, None of the Britons in the 68strong class reached the jumpoff. Michael Whitaker, who was giving Midnight Madness his first outing of the season, hit the first two jumps and then had to retire after an eight fault standard was brought in. He will ride him again today in an anempt to get him settled before the World Cup qualifier tomorrow.

Nick Skelton, who was also "luning up" his 1995 World Cup-winner. Dollar Girl, after a fortnight's rest, also had eight faults, but their successes in Bordeaux and Moorscle last month have ensured that the pair start the qualifier as one of the favourites. John Whitaker, on Cor d'Alme, also had to retire after incurring eight faults. Geoff Billington was left to uphold British honour with four faults on Solitaire.

Skelton and the two Whitakers have an added incentive for success tomorrow. Despite their positions as Britain's three leading riders. they have yet to anract a sponsor to replace Everest. whose contract with the three ended in December, Michael and John Whitaker are ranked third and seventh in the world. Skelton is sixth.

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Andrei Tchmil, of Ukraine, celebrates his victory in the sixth stage of the Paris-Nice cycling race at St Tropez yesterday, sprinting over the line with two Britons, Max Sciandri, left, and Chris Boardman, in his wake

#### Bradbury shows true grit to progress

By RICHARD EATON

JULIE BRADBURY overcame the aftermath of flu, cramp in both legs and two match points against her to take her seeded place in the semi-finals of the Yonex All England badminton championships in Birmingham yesterday.

The woman who has the best chance of

earning Britain a first Olympic medal in the sport nearly found herself dispatched prematurely from the world's biggest build-up tournament to Atlanta when she and Simon Archer stood a game and 17-13 down to the Chinese pair of Tao Xiao Qiang and Wang Xiaoyuan.

"The cramp seemed to spread from one leg to the other," she said, after a 14-18. 18-17, 15-10 win which lasted for an hour and a quarter.

The English pair, runners-up in the World Grand Prix finals, never reached the standards they had on that occasion in Singapore. They did, however, display tenacity and, in Bradbury's case, resilience, too. She and Josnne Wright had been expected to reach the women's doubles semi-finals but were beaten 15-13. 18-15 by another Chinese partnership. Qin Xiyuan and Tang Yong Shu.

Bradbury and Archer's hopes were enhanced when the top-seeded Trikus

Hervanio and Minarti Timur. from Indonesia, went out to the Swedes, Jan-Erik Antonsson and Astrid Crabbo. There was another English success when Wright and Nick Ponting, the 1994 champions, also reached the semi-finals with a 15-9, 15-6 win over Peter Axelsson and Catrine Bengtsson, also of Sweden.

The All England was reeling, however, from the surprise of early defeats for three leading players - Heryanto Arbi, the world champion. Allan Budi Kusuma. Olympic champion, and top-seeded Joko Suprianto. The defending champion. Poul-Erik Hover, of Denmark, has reached the semi-finals.

#### SPORT IN BRIEF

#### Higgins hands Ebdon easy path to last four

AFTER managing to avoid a whitewash for the first four years of his meteoric professional career. John Higgins has suffered two in fewer than three weeks. Yesterday, the Scot was beaten 50 hy Peler Ebdon in the quarter-finals of the Thailand Open in Bangkok (Phil Yates writes).

"It's strange because I felt I was cueing much better when I lost |9-7| to John Parrott in the European Open final than 1 have all week here." Ebdnn said. "That does me a favour. I don't put myself under pressure as a result of high expectations and when I'm really firing I take on risky pols not thinking I can miss. That's dangerous at this level. Ebdon, who has prevailed in four of his five meetings with Higgins, will now face James Wattana, who beat Alan McManus 5-4 in a nervy 3hr t5min struggle.

#### Henman reaches semi-final

TENNIS: Tim Henman, the fast-rising British player, repeated his Wimhledon victory over Martin Sinner, of Germany, to reach the semi-final of the ATP Tour tournament in Copenhagen yesterday. Sinner, who had knocked out the top seed. Jan Siemerink, of Holland, held Henman to 7-5 in the first set but managed only one game in

#### Heavyweight contest

ROWING: The British women's heavyweight eight, still seeking Olympic selection, head a record 252 crews in the Women's Head from Mortlake to Putney today. The German women's squad, closest to the British in 1995, have not entered and a London University/Tyrian crew, with seven full and under-23 internationals on board, will start second. Thames RC. starting third, defend the top dub title.

#### Johnson shares lead

GOLF: Trish Johnson, of England, fired a four-under-par 68 to share a three-way lead after the first round of the Ping-Welch Championship in Tucson. Arizona yesterday. Johnson, 30, missed her chance of an outright lead when she bogeved the 17th, two-putting from 30 feet, leaving her level with Liselotte Neumann, of Sweden, and Pat Bradley, of the United States, with nine players bunched one stroke behind.

#### St Paul's enjoy victory

ROWING: St Paul's used their local knowledge to perfection yesterday to win the Schools Head. Stroked by Dan Ouseley, the 1995 top Great Britain junior, and racing into a cross-head wind which suited their style and power, St Paul's starting third overhauled Hampton and Eton, who started first, to win by five seconds. Kingston Grammar, starting sixth, moved up to take third place.

#### COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

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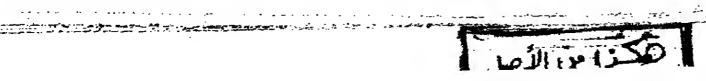
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# Ince now striking right notes in Italian harmony

ife took its time to settle tranquillity upon Paul Emerson aryle Ince, but the whose demeanour could be the epitome of belligerent discontent when he was with Manchester United, has become one of football's idle rich as he sits with his feet up in Italy, where the players in Serie A are taking this weekend off in a show of strength against their paymasters.

Ince. the one leading Englishman abroad, is gaining respect by the week in Milan. He will, on Tuesday, be recalled to Terry Venables's England squad for the match against Bulgaria at Wembley on March 27, and, given the news that shook every family during the week, he has the contentment of seeing his small son. Thomas, safe in their Lake Como home.

Last Sunday, Ince took star billing, playing with the es-sence of discipline and en-forcement that Venables wants from him, when he anchored Internazionale to victory over AC Milan in the San Siro derby match. Reports were unanimous: Ince had deprived George Weah and Roberto Baggio, the reigning and recent world players of the year, of opportunity.

Ince had won more than his share of the ball in his physical duel with Marcel Desailly, the Frenchman, and when he says that he has learnt greater technique in 20 matches in Italy, one suspects that he has merely learnt to apply it, to concentrate on the ball rather than the man, to curb those wild excesses that so-called combative players get away with in England.

In any system that Venables decides upon, a formation with Ince "holding" and Paul Gascoigne breaking forwards on creative runs is as close as England will get to a competi-tive fulcrum for Euro '96. The very fact that Barry Venison and David Batty had been tried at all in the absence of since over the past year is indicative of how few quality midfield holding players England possess.

Yet there are some around Ince who ask why he should



Rob HUGHES

Weekend View

bother craving a return to his native country at all. He earns more in an afternoon than most salaried workers in a year, more than any other British player. The stand-off between Ince and Venables had allegedly begun when ince, after his irial and acquiital after becoming embroiled

summer. In fact, their disagreement had its genesis in Dublin, on that ill-fated night in February last year when England's match against Ireland had to be abandoned because of rioting. In the 27 minutes that were played, Ince had shown

irresponsibility, refusing to

in the Cantona affair at

Selhurst Park, reported too

"emotionally drained" to play his part in the Umbro Cup last

Paulo Di Canio, 27, the AC Milan midfield player, yesterday became the latest international to be linked with a move to Celtic. Celtic promised they would pursue other options" after shelving their attempts to sign Jorge Cadete, the Portugal international.

play instinctively and hold back, and running with a cavalier's mentality instead.

When Venables persisted in omitting Ince, the ill-informed assumed that it was vindictiveness. They read too much into Venables's words when he said last year: "I will not accept anything less than the best. Wherever they are, they must get to the training camps and give 100 per cent."

However, Ince, well on the way now to millionaire status, wants more than money in his life. His competitiveness was shaped at the age of eight, when he was abandoned in east London by his parents. By adolescence, he was running with the gangs, and he has said that he would have fin-

ished up in a prison cell but for John Lyall, the manager of West Ham United, who be-came his mentor and surrogate father. Lyall could see in Ince what the Italians are extracting today.

He was always rebelling against something or other, always "getting in there" and competing, and in the nick of time he was persuaded to channel aggression into striv-ing for something special. Maybe, like Vesuvius, it can never be said that there will be no more eruptions, but the player who has come through so much rejection, including the way Manchester United sold him without his full agreement, is about to fulfil his talent.

e could, very near-

ly did, come scurrying home to the bolt-hole that Arsenal offered him when things were going wrong under Ottavio Bianchi and that coach's 3-5-2 system at Inter, But Bianchi was fired, Roy Hodgson, an English manager abroad, reshaped the team into 4-4-2, and asked lnce to be the anchor. Emotionally drained, Ince now has enough energy and sense to socialise in the Italian way, to integrate himself, his wife Claire and his soo, for the duration of his three-year

The Guvnor, but Il Generale, the boss of midfield. At 28, in the prime of sporting life, he is one English player who is neither wearied nor wounded by the demands of the season. And, because they all do it, he is party to the strike among Serie A players, demanding among other things that their clubs contribute to a pool that would pay the players' wages if the clubs become bankrupt. You see what happens when players can afford the top

The Italians do not call him

#### Mr Motivator turns Palace around

Russell Kempson on what drives the

manager who arrived at the London club like

a wind of change

ave Bassett has altered little in 17 years of football management, a profession choked in cynicism and paranoia. He retains his chirpy demeanour, eyes darting everywhere, and chatters in machine-gun fashion, pausing only to reload.
"You with me?" be asks frequently, checking you have not got lost in the earnest flow.

take over Crystal Palace, a club still in the death rattle of relegation from the FA Carling Premiership and going nowhere in sixteenth place in the Endsleigh Insurance League first division. Nine matches later, after only one defeat, Palace are third and pushing for a swift return to the land of milk and honey. Today, it is Grimsby Town's turn to feel the heat.

Bassett, 51, scoffs at suggestions of magic wands or potions. "What struck me at first was how young the Palace players were," he said. "Apart from Nigel Martyn and Ray Houghton, they're mostly kids. I haven't really changed that much here but I've brought a lot of enthusiasm, and the players have

responded well.
"It's always good to work with a new set of lads and they've got plenty of ability. Can we go up? Why not? Most teams in the first division seem to be of a similar standard and if you've got any sort of go in you, you have to be in the premier league. It's the only place to be."

Bassett has few pretensions. What you see, is what you get; honest opinions, delivered at pace. Not unlike his boneshuddering playing career with Waltoo and Hersham, who won the FA Amateur Cup in 1973, and Wimbledoo. in their Southern League championship-winning hey-day. If you were tackled by Bassett, you stayed tackled.

He has displayed similar vigorous qualities in managing Wimbledon, Palace, Wimbledon again, Watford and Sheffield United. Regularly successfully, too, with six promotion seasons and an FA Cup semi-final in the locker.



Bassett, leaning on the club emblem, has taken his young side up 13 places

On the debit side, he stayed at Palace only three days first time around - "I was young. it seemed a good idea at the time" - and found little harmony in his eight months, with Eiton John, at Watford.

In December last year, after eight seasons at Sheffield United, Bassett tired of the constant boardroom blckering. Never one for politics, he left by mutual consent. "I'd had enough." he said. "The club had stagnated. It got to the point where I wouldn't sell any players because I knew I wouldn't have any of the

He had seen the signs when Brian Deane was sold to Leeds United, for £2.7 million. two years earlier. "I should

money to reinvest.

have legged it then," he said. "I voted against Brian going but was overruled. You battle on, always thinking you can turn the corner, but, in the end. I knew I had to go."

Between leaving Bramall Lane and being summoned to the Palace, Bassett spent long overdue time with his family - Chris, his wife, and daughters. Carly, 17, and Kimberley. 14. Rest and recuperation plus his usual media work, kept him occupied. He also applied, and was twice interviewed, for the then vacant job as manager of Ireland.

"I really fancied that," he said. "I felt I had the experience, the credentials, and I was told there would be a decision in 48 hours. When 1 didn't hear anything for 48 hours, I thought it was a bit ominous." Not to worry. Ron Noades, the Palace chairman, had already rung and Bassett accepted the consolation

The combination of Ray Lewington and Peter Nicholas as joint first-team coaches had not gelled and Noades, a notoriously demanding employer, sought salvation. Call for Bassett, his old friend. Call for Mr Motivator. "In this business, you have

to keep proving yourself," Bassett said, "You're a hero one minute, then nobody wants you. I'd gone stale at Sheffield and had to get out. but I feel infinitely bener for

#### **North West** rivals united in bid for Wembley

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL BY WALTER GAMMIE

FLIXTON and Clitheroe travel for the first leg of the FA Carlsberg Vase semi-finals today as they try to secure an all North West Counties League Wembley final to emulate the 1987 showpiece in which St Helens beat Warrington 3-2. Flixton will tread warily at

the Hawthorns, home of Brigg Town, of the Northern Counties East League, who have claimed seven successive Vase victims on their own patch, including Flixton's Man-chester rivals, Trafford, in the fifth round. However, Brigg lost to Clitheroe in the second qualifying round of the FA Cup earlier in the season.

Clitheroe must take on Mangotsfield United, from Bristol, of the Great Mills League, who are managed by Terry Rowles, who guided Taunton Town to the 1994 final, where they lost to Diss

Rowles can call upon three of that Taunton side in Dave Ewens, the captain, Wayne Morris and Andy Perrett, a prolific goalscorer who also played for him when he managed Clevedon Town during their rise to the Beazer Homes

Mangotsfield have themselves lodged an application to the Beazer Homes League. "The ground just needs some cosmetic work," Roger Gray, the secretary, said. "We've got a 300-seat stand and covered accommodation down one side after working steadily on the ground for the past five or six years.

"Clevedon, Weston-super-Mare and Yate in the Beazer League are all within ten or 12 miles of us. In order to compete, we've got to look to get to that standard, otherwise the club will stagnate."

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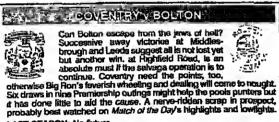
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Today all will be focused on the Vase. "The players are very confident." Gray said. "There's not been any talk of losing." Rowles's devotion to duty included having Wivenhoe, their lifth-round opponents, watched five times. Clitheroe have come under similar scrutiny. The club hopes to attract a crowd of 2.000, despite the counterattraction of the Bristol derby.

#### THE TIMES MATCH-BY-MATCH GUIDE TO THE PREMIERSHIP THIS WEEKEND



COVENTRY (from): S Ogrizovic, B Borrows, D Buset, L Daish, R Shew, O Burrows, P Teiter, P Ndikovu, P Williams, E Jess, J Salako, O Dublin, P Whelan, A Pickening, N Lamptey, J Filan.
BOLTON (from): K Branagan, S Green, J Phillips, S Curcic, A Stubbs, C Fairclough, G Bergsson, S Selfars, N Slake, S Coleman, M Paateleinen, O Lee, F de Freitas, W Burnett, A Davison, J McGinlay.

All the hype surrounding Guilit is more than justified; he deserves every drooling adjective bestowed upon his elegant being. Yet all the hype surrounding Cheisea, his team, may have been premeture. Scrambling draws with Wimbledon and Manchester City have undone is lot of the previous good work, with Hoddle still not committing himself to contract talks. Perhaps Bruce Rioch is his agent. Liverpool make their first change in personnel in eight matches, with Babb and Wright injured.

LIVERPOOL (from): D James, J McAtter, R Jones, S Hartness, N Ruddock, J Scales, S McManaman, J Barnes, M Thomas, J Redknapp, R Fowler, S Collymors, I Rush, M Kennedy, A Warner.
CHELSEA (from): K Hitchcock, T Phelan, O Petrescu, S Clarke, O Lee, M Duberry, E Johnsen, R Gullit, O Wise, J Spencer, M Hughes, G Pesscock, P Furlong, N Spackman, O Kharine, M Izzet.

MANCHESTER CITY V SOUTHAMPTON How Akan Ball loves his imports. Joining Immel, Frontzack, Kinkladze and Röcler in Meine Road's foreign legion is Guiseppe Mazzurelli, the Swiss-born, Italian peesport-holder – and probably the son of a cheesemeker – from FC Zurich. Dave Merrington can afford no such lucuries – Benefi was born in Southampton, honestly, and is suspended today, anyway – but makes the best of a battling bunch. Not getting a replay out of their FA Cup quarter-final at Old Trafford on Mondey was a travestly. LAST SEASON: Manchester City 3 Southernation 3. 10-YEAR RECORD: 1-0, 2-4, --, -, 1-2, 3-3, 0-1, 1-0, 1-1, 3-3. MAN CITY (from): Elmmel, N Summerbee, K Curie, K Symons, M Frontzeck, G Fliteroft, G Kinkladze, S Lomas, I Brightwell, N Clough, U Rösler, M Brown, G Mazzarelli, G Creaney, M Phillips, A Kernaghan. SCUTHAMPTON (from): O Beasant, J Dodd, R Hall, K Monikou, A Nallson, S Charlton, M Le Tiesler, J Magilton, N Madison, M Oakley, M Watters, P Tisdale, O Hughea, G Watson, N Shipperley, B Grobbelaar.

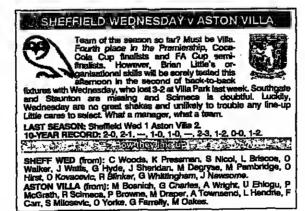


Middlesbrough have not won at home in the league against Forest since December 15. 1973. Considering they have taken only one point from a possible 33, and have yet to win in the Premiership this year, it is unlikely that either barren run will come to an end this afternoon. Forest have experienced loy and heart break recently, in the FA Cup, and play Bayern Munich in the Ueta Cup on Tuesday — their seventeenth knockout game of the season. Must be hell being a pro tootballer ... but somebody's got to do it. MIDDLESBROUGH (from): A Miller, G Walsh, N Cox, C Morris, N Pearson, O Whyte, C Fleming, Branco, J Pollock, G Kavanagh, F Mustoe, C Hignett, N Barmby, Juninho, J Hendrie, J A Fjortoft, A Moore NOTTM FOREST (from): M Crossley, O Lyttle, S Peerce, C Cooper, S Chettle, S Store, C Bart-Williams, S Germall, O Phillips, B Roy, M Campbell, J Les, A Silenzi, I Woan, C Allen, P McGregor, S Howe.

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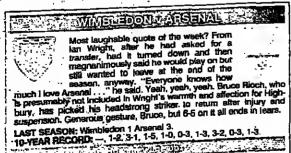


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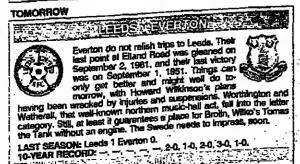




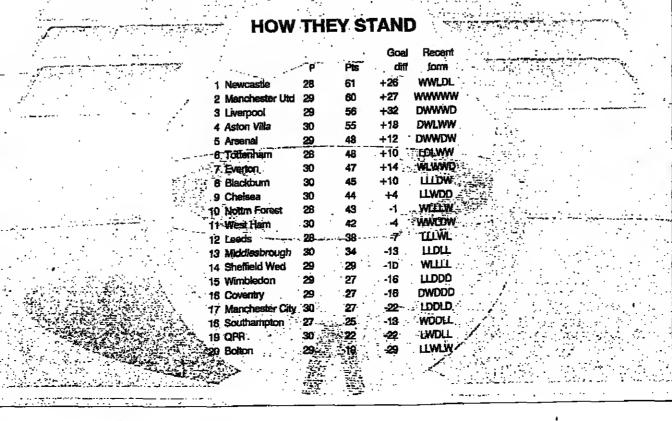
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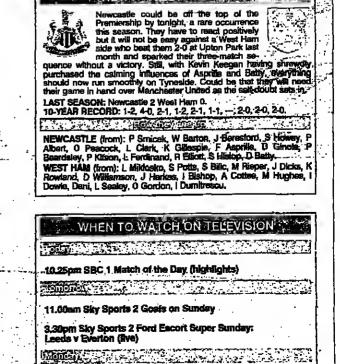
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# Animal activists plan National chaos

By JULIAN MUSCAT

ANIMAL rights activists are preparing themselves for a mass protest at the Grand National on March 30 in an effort to resurrect the chaos perpetrated three years ago, when the race was declared void after two false starts.

The high equine casualty list at Cheltenham is expected to increase profestors' determination to make an impact on jump racing's showpiece event. Having demonstrated without interfering with the race in 1994, they were largely absent 12 months ago.

Details of their campaign against the National emerged vesterday from Bernard Donegan, equine consultant to

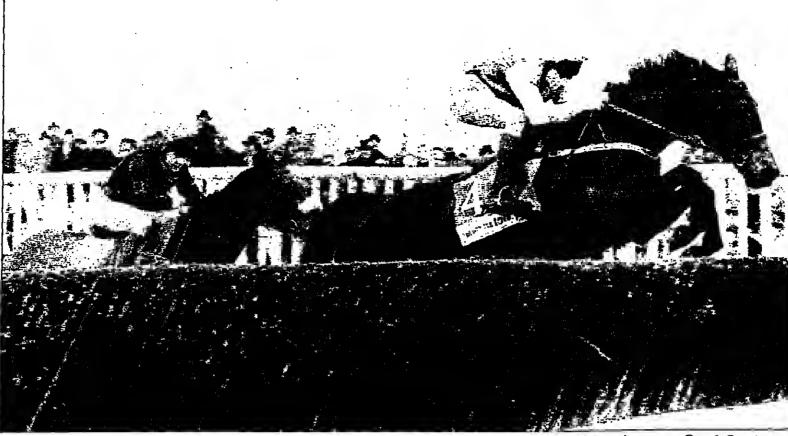
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the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA), which absolved racing in general and Cheltenham in particular of blame for the ten equine fatalities sustained over the three-day Festival.

"Special Branch and other sources of information have revealed to us that disturbances can be expected." Donegan said, "The protestors were low-key last year, but I think they are going to make a special effort. There is hound to be some sort of trouble with the Grand National."

Animal rights activists held racing up to ridicule in 1993. when they prompted the Grand National's abandonment after disrupting the start. The Aintree executive safety standards for horses, has since spent close to \$1 He said of the casualries at



Imperial Call has been accorded the same rating as One Man after his impressive Cheltenham Gold Cup victory over Rough Quest

million on improving security. The wire fence surrounding the circuit has been reinforced and tighter crowd controls have been introduced.

Donegan stressed RSPCA does not share the ambinions of the protestors. whose monve is to have the National outlawed. And he was dismissive of many of their number. "I have been unable to have a rational discussion with them," he said.

In recent years. Donegan has worked closely with the Jockey Club on improving

Cheltenham: "You cannot criticise the racecourse or the Jockey Club. Everyone at Cheltenham did all they could to make it as safe as possible, but there will never be a situation where fatalities are eliminated.

The veterinary anention at racecourses is first class," Donegan continued. It is one area where the horse's welfare is put in front of the cost. But under no circumstances will we relax our efforts to make racecourses as safe as possible. In this respect racing has improved by leaps and bounds in the last few years."

Donegan suggested that

large fields at Cheltenham may have played a part in the high rate of attrition. The theme was adopted yesterday by Edward Gillespie, managing director at Cheltenham. Gillespie said that maximum field sizes would be examined by the racecourse executive as part of a comprehensive review embracing veterinary evidence and post-mortems on

the casualties. "We will look at all the evidence to see whether any panern emerges which can be avoided in the future." Gillespie said. "It will be about a month before any findings emerge because we need time to look into this carefully. The findings will be referred to the Cheltenham racecourse board in the normal way. Any element that we need to act upon will be part of our strategy for the future.

"I've been involved with io festivals," Gillespie continued. immediate colleague. Philip Arkwright, who is clerk of the course, has been involved with 19 and neither of us can recall this scale of fatalities before. The fatalities have marred a successful Festival. We would love every racehorse that runs here to go home safely. We all mourn these losses: we are not callous

in this business." Gillesoie also conceded that the state of the ground fell short of expecrations. A series of severe frosts had stifled any growth or grass but the surface was such that no trainer felt obliged to withdraw horses on that score.

Although Imperial Call's victory in the Cheltenham Gold Cup was hailed as the dawn of a new superstar. Christopher Mordaunt, steeplechase handicapper at the British Horseracing Board, indicated that he was going to bracket Imperial Call and One Man, the disappointing fa-vourite, on a rating of 175.

#### Chief Rager can make most of attractive weight

UTTOXETER

3.00: General Rusty held Cheltenham entries but Charlie Mann has waited for the right going for his pro-gressive chaser. With Richard Dunwoody booked he is one for the short list, even though he must overcome a five-month absence and the stable is not firing on all cylinders.

Even Blue has a solid form chance judged on his excellent run behind Nahthen Lad, the subsequent Sun Alliance Chase winner, at Haydock in January. However, there must be a doubt about his ability to stay this trip. By contrast. Chief Rager has stamina in abundance as he showed when beating Do Rightly at Leicester over three miles. Today's extra quarter of a mile should suit Nigel Twiston-Davies' well-handicapped novice. Danger Baby, a good Newbury winner, is the main danger.

3.35: Fortunes Course made a winning debut over fences at Canerick and her hurdles form suggests there will be plenty of improvement to come, especially over today's longer trip. Garrylough is another with sound claims. but this looks to be an aboveaverage renewal with Sister Stephanie and Jacob's Wife in the line-up.

Sister Stephanie was disputing the lead with King Lucifer at Chepstow a week ago when both fell at the last fence. However, that was over three miles and over this trip Jacob's Wife may have too much speed. She was entered for the Arkle Chase but this has been the target for some time.



#### TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

4.10: Sunley Bay, fifth to Stop The Waller at Cheltenham on Tuesday, is arguably the best handicapped hurse but is prone to jumping blunders. Merry Master appeared to be rejuvenated by blinkers at Doncaster last time when runner-up to Addington Boy in the Great Yorkshire Chase.

The progressive Killeshin has come into his own this term, winning at Taunton and Newcastle on his last two starts. The ten-year-old has a favourite's chance but I am hoping Nazzaro will benefit from the longest trip he has attempted. Richard Dunwoody gets on particu-larly well with Bill Turner's in-form seven-year-old, who could offer some value.

4.40: Steel Moss looks leniently treated on his handicap debut judged on placed efforts in good novice hurdle races at Ascot and Doncasier, but he is up against some tough campaigners. Izza has improved since Susan Piggon gave Will Storey the secret of riding the horse. She has to be settled and run over a distance of ground. She has benefited from the step up to 212 miles and beyond and is a sporting nap.

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3.00 DERMOT DUNLEAVY NOVICES HAMDICAP CHASE (£13,225 3m 2f) (7 runners)

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JOCKEYS: J Osborne, 29 winners from 91 rides, 31.9%, R Dunwoody, 38 from 163, 23 3%; G McCourt, 11 from 58, 19.0%; J R Kavanagh, 7 from 37, 18.9%; A S Smith, 5 from 28m 17.9%, J Railton, 9 from 60, 15.0%, D Bndgwater, 14 from 94, 14.9%.

3.35 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND TATTERSALLS C4 (IRELAND) MARES NOVICES CHASE FINAL (Handicap: £10,504 2m 5f) (7 numers)

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BETTRIC: 7-4 Septer Stephanie, 3-7 Commitmen Lady 7-2 Joseph S Wide, 5-1 Carrysough, 10-1 Fortunes, Course 12-1 Reve En Rose, 18-1 Chadranck's Garger 1995. NANEA 7-10-0 A Dolldon (5-1) G Richards 11 rac.

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Selection: GARRYLOUGH

4.10 MARSTONS PEDIGREE MIDLANDS GRANO NATIONAL Grade III: handicap chase: £32,810. 4m 2f) (18 runners) 1-21103 WILLSFORD 21 (C.F.G.S) (A Naplan & R Johnson) Mrs J Pleman 13-11-10 W Marston (B)

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ı	21-FP34	BRACKENFIELD 14 (B.F.G.S) (1 and J Curry) P Nector's 10-10-0 Guy Leons (3) 90	۱					
2	23/F-P46	MOCRICROFT BOY 14 (6.5) (f. Marley) D Nicholson 11-18-0 R Johnson (3) 87	ı					
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1995: TRONCHETTO 6-11-13 G Bradley (10-1) J J O'Negl 10 can FORM FOCUS

5.10 WELLMAN PLC NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£3,891, 2m) (16 runners)

| 191. 2m) | 16 runners| | 16 runners| | 16 runners| | 17 runners| | 18 Monetage 4-1 Flying Instructor 9-2 Chet-Yo, 7-1 Oban, 16-1 Cosa Fuair, 20-1 other: 1995 DINO MALTA 4-10-7 W Marston (3-1 p-lan) D Nicholson 16 ran

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#### **Proud Sun** has sights focused on Stratford

POINT-TO-POINT BY CARL EVANS

ELEGANT LORD proved himself the king of the hunters at Cheltenham and will attempt to enhance his reputation at Fairthouse and Punchestown before the sea-

son ends. Cool Dawn and Proud Sun, who fared best of the British runners in Thursday's Christies Foxhunter Chase, will miss Aintree's equivalent. Dido Harding, owner-rider of Cool Dawn, will discuss the gelding's future with Robert Alner, his trainer, in the next week, while Proud Sun has his sights set on the Horse & Hound Cup at Stratford.

Two new point-to-point courses joined the fold this year and go on show for the first time this weekend. Today, the Ouantock Stagbounds meets at Cothelstone in Somerset, where local trainer Tim Long has a fine chance of



Crow: winning chances

landing the opening hunt race with Fly The Wind, one of six rides at the meeting for Linda Blackford. Alastair Crow is encounter-

ing a lean spell by his standards but has several winning chances at tomorrow's North Western Hunts Club fixture. which marks a return to jump racing at Wolverhampton's Dunstall Park. Andrew Parker, who heads

the national men's championship with 13 victories, has five rides at the Eglinton meeting at Lanark, while nearest chal-lenger. Paul Hacking, hopes to add to his eight successes on Bardaros at the Cambridge shire fixture before undertaking a full book of rides at tomorrow's West Street-Tickham meeting.

TODAY'S MEETINGS: Cambridgeshire. Horscheath, 4m W of Haverhill (first race 1 00); Egitnton, 2m SW of Lanark (1 45); Gelligser Farmers, Magor, north of M4, erdt 23 (12 00); Holderneus, Delton Park, 5m NW of Beverley (1 30), New Forest Buckhounds, Larindi, 5m NW of Arresbury (12 30). Quentock Staghounds. Cothelstone, 2m NE of Bishops Lydeard (1 30). TOMOSDAW: Blonchaus et Staghounds. storie, 2m NE of Bishops Lydeard (1-3/).
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#### LINGFIELD PARK

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2.25 WHITTLE JONES DIAMOND HOVICES HURDLE (£2,325: 2m St 110;d) (7 runners)

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3.00 JOHN OUTFLEY MEMORIAL MAIDEN CHASE 123 234: 25. 4 11050) 1141

7-4 Pinny Fect 4-4 Feat's Croses 5-1 Reture Mony, 6-1 Beader Mans, 7-1 Driving Pintpernel, 8-1 Policements Posts, 10-1 Ring's Courber, 12-1 afters 3.30 TJH GROUP LINGFIELD GOLD CUP (Handicap herdle: £4.347: 2m 3l 110yd) (6)

9-4 Traverty s Gat, 3-1 Meen To The Last, 5-1 Will 1 Ply, Vicency Ruler, 6-1 The Plant March, March 1

4.05 ZIRCON NOVICES HANDICAP NURDLE (£2,385; 2m 7f) (5)

5-4 Bright November. 11-4 Crairane Quay, 9-2 Precious Henry, 7-1 others

4.35 NORTHERN TRUST SAPPHIRE HANDICAP CHASE (£3,460: 2m) (5) 1 6102 BEAU BABILLARD 1S (V.D.BF.G.S) P Nicholis 9-12-0

5 -206 PEGMARRIE 18 (D,S) Mrs A Woodrow 13-10-2 J.A McCarthy (S) 6-4 Le Chal Nor. 7-4 Brass Babsfard, 5-1 Oldhai Wood, Port in A Storm, 12-1

5.05 THE GROUP RUBY CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP CHASE (£2,301: 2m 4f 110yd) (5) 

5.35 HBLB EMERALD INTERMEDIATE OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,301: 2m 110yd) (B) 

6-4 Nother, 5-2 Missage Dartest, 4-1 Old Money, Same Difference, 14-1 Nation Man.

6-4 Cates: Park, 11-4 Double Actor/restent, 7-2 Showtown Actorss, 7-1 Chilled, 6-1 The Binger, 20-1 The Glasse Baron, 12-1 others COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANSERS: O Nicholson, S winners from 15 numers, 33.3%; P Nicholis, 5 tom 18. *27.8*%; G L Moore, 4 from 15, 26.7%, M Pipe, 12 from 48, 25.0%; G Balding, 4 from 20, 29.0%

Racing next week

JOCKEYS: A Bates, 9 winners from 17 rides, 52.9%, M A Flogerald, 7 from 26, 26.9%; J A McCarthy, 3 from 21, 14.3%. Only quarters,

MONDAY Englield (first race, 2.10). Newcasito (2.20). Southwell (AW, 2.30). TUESDAY: Awr (2.10). Fortwell (2.00). Ultracete: (2.20). WEDNESDAY: Bester (2.10). Ludiow (2.00). Towcester (2.20). THURSDAY: Dencester (2.4, 1.35). Phimpton (2.23). Winsenton (2.15). FRIDAY: Dencester (2.4, 1.35). Horsford (2.10). Kelso (2.15). Newbury (1.50). SATURDAY: Bangor (2.10). Doncaster (2.4, 2.00). Linglield (AW, 2.25). Newbury (89C, 1.00). Flet meetings in hold

#### WOLVERHAMPTON

7,00 Hever Golf Eagle, 7,30 Heathyards Rock, 8.00 Chilibang Bang, 8,30 Brave Spy, 9,00 Mystic Tempo, 9.30 Zahid.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 7,00 Tima-Lina. 8.30 Charlie Bigtime. 9.00 MYSTIC TEMPO (nap)...

GOING: STANDARD ORAW NO ADVANTAGE

7.00 CORNWALL-LEGH MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (£2,710: 1m 11 79vd) (9 runners) 1 50-6 CUBAN NIGHTS 7 B Lie willyn 4-9-10 2 0-26 NAUTICAL JEWEL-19 M Uzner 2-9-10 1 5 LETTERLUNA 301 D Gandalfo 4-9-5 CR & 63 JIRRA-LIRRA 10 C Britism 4-9-5 CR & 64 DOMBEY 157 R Theriton 3-8-5 6 5332 HEVER GULF EAGLE 14 T Maughtun 3-8-5 0 METAL BADGE 7 M Johnston 3-8-5 8 32- RUSTRO 222 D Metray Smith 3-8-5 9 NELLYS COUSM M Catagoran 3-8-0 . DR LicCabe () 8

7-4 Tima-Lina, 11-4 Hever Guit Engle, 3-1 Rostag, 7-2 Dombey, 12-1 Listenberg 14-1 Others

7.30 HARKNESS CLAIMING STAKES (£2,085, 1m 4f) (7)

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7 -255 K/SMETIM 7 (CD,G) D Chapman 6-8-4 (Ditamock 5 9-4 Heathyands Rock, 4-1 Hill Farm Dancer, 5-1 Northern Trial Ricmeton, 7-1 Tartas Gem, 8-1 Florramant, 10-1 Phytol; Al Dann

8.00 SULTAN OF ISLAMABAD HANDICAP

(3-Y-0: £2,588: 7f) (9) | Y-U: X2,580: (7) [9]

1 1512 CHURANG BANG 14 (C,D,E,S) J Borry 9-7... P Rubert: (5) 1
3 5043 VICTM OF LOVE 10 (CD,G) R Charlon 9-6... Standors 3
3 0-60 DRIEL IAD 19 (B,D,F,S) F Fearts 9-4...... K Fallon S
4 00-1 MATTEAMA 7 (B,S) S Boering 8-13...... C Teaque (5) 7
5 -315 COASTOLARIOS HERO 7 (B,F,G) M Lishes 8-10... M Wighton 4
6 1652 PRINCIPAL BOY 7 (D,G) T Ethonoglon 8-10... C Carter 2
7 00-3 LA PERRUCIE 23 Lord Harlington 8-8. Almee Cook (f) 8
8 5154 MISS OFFSET 7 (B,BF,C,D,G,S) M Johnston 8-8. T Williams 6
9 663- KATE KOMATTE 1355 UNISON 8-4..... P Feasery (5) 9
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7-2 Mailennia, 4-1 Principal Boy, 9-2 Clotitiang Bang, 5-1 Mess, Ottset, 6-1 Natio Normalie, 7-1 Victim Of Love, La Pernuche, 10-1 others

8.30 MILES PLATT HANDICAP (£2,814: 1m 6f 166yd) [12] 1 4-11 LEAR DANCER 86 (B.CD.F.G) P Mitchell 5-10-0 ... A Clark 9
2 5310 BACKVEW 10 (C.G) B Jewerhyn 4-9-9 ... I Williams 12
3 2-50 TOY PRINCESS 28 (6) C BRITISH 4-9-6 ... O R McCahu (3) 1
4 5-33 FOX CHAPEL 7 (V.F.S) R Juckes 9-8-2 ... Date Gibson 2
5 2520 RYMN 21 (V) D Murray Smith 4-9-1 ... P Paramer (5) 3
6 D-05 NOTA 17 (CD.F.S.5) J.J. Harris 7-9-0 ... P Fessey (5) 7
7 30-5 BRAVE SPY 24 (T.D.G) C CAPE 5-8-13 ... G Biogs 5
8 22-1 MAS 7 (8.G) J Partes 6-8-11 ... G Barriwell 10
9 34-3 CHARLIE BISTIME 15 (C.F.G) R Harris 6-8-10 10 3-32 PHILMST 1.5 (B.BF.G) W Eksy 4-8-3 . N Kennedy 8 11 -383 COMTEC'S LEGEND 31 (C.F.G) J Botomicy 8-7-10

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9.00 RICHARD WOLVERHAMPTON SPRINT SELLING HANDICAP FINAL (3-Y-0 £4,007: 61) (6) 1 123 MYSTIC TEMPO 14 (CD.G) J Scargul 9-7 S Drowne (3) 6
1 1-72 MSS PCOPOCACT 63 (G) P Katlenary 9-7 M Wighton 2
3 3533 DHES-C 17 R Hollandread 9-1... F Lymch (7) 3
4 2522 MARRING STREET 17 (VBP) P Evans 9-1 S Sanders 1
5 0-54 DON'T TELL AMPONE 31 (C.G) P Evans 8-11 K Fallon 5
6 2436 WCTORA SIOUX P I Placketing 8-8 J Duarm 4
11-4 Marring Street, 3-1 Dhes-C, 4-1 Miss Picketing 8-9 Don't Tell Anyone, 5-1
Mystic Tempo, 10-1 Victoria Sioux

9.30 RIDGEMOUNT HANDICAP

(£2,827: 1m 1l 79yd) (13) 

7-2 Zatels, 4-1 Trea Creeks, 5-1 She Sald Mo, 6-1 Hand OH Straw, 7-1 Explosive . Powes, 15-7 Romannalie, 8-1 Golden Touch, 10-1 Others. COURSE SPECIALISTS IRANERS: R Charlton. 5 winner; from 18 naturer; 31.2%, P Mischell. A loon 13, 30.8%, J Bostoniley, 4 from 14, 28.6%; M Johnston, 33 from 128, 25.8%, Lord Hundingdon, 15 kom 70, 22.9%, P Kelleway, 3 from 16, 78.8%

JOCKEPS: T lens. 21 money: from 119 rides. 17 6%; 6 Carler. 21 from 124, 16.9%, R Cochrane, 16 ptm 97, 16.5%, 0 Harrison, 14 from 115, 12.2%; A Clark, 15 from 126, 11,7%, 5 Sanders, 20 from 191. BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Hereford: 2.20 Mattastang 2.55 Dr. Rocket 5.30 Milly Le Moss, Lingfield Park: 4.35 Beau Babiliard Ultoweter: 2.30 Kindred Greeting, Lagatee, Wolverhampton: Victoria Soluzi.

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# .Captains set out to deflect talk of grudge final

been an assault course that will be remembered more for its chaos than its cricket but it has produced a final with potential beyond the realm of anything that could have been stage-managed. When Australia play Sri Lanka here tomorrow, a raw and recent bitterness will underpin the definitive match between the accomplished and the ambitious, the pragmatists and the romantics.

If the game was simply about logic. Australia would be guaranteed their second world one-day title. But if there was no more to it than that, neither side would be here at all. Australia were doubtful about starting this tournament, adamant about not playing in Colombo and then, on Thursday evening, all but eliminated. As for Sri Lanka, their presence in the final is a wonder, not least to

But it is the prospect of a sub-plot to this game that is so intriguing. Many sporting events, most notably and disreputably boxing, have enmity deliberately introduced to the proceedings. This final needs no artificial stimulant. Only a few weeks back, these teams were involved in a series so turbulent that it threatened an

international incident. Sri Lanka feel they were wronged in Australia, where Muttiah Muralitharan was called for throwing and the entire team was impuned by charges of ball-tampering that were subsequently mysteriously withdrawn. More incidents occurred, though nobody is now anxious to recall them, and the legacy of bad feeling has had a direct

effect on this World Cup. Australia's refusal to play in Sri Lanka followed the Colombo bombing but was influenced as much by fear of personal reprisals. Sri Lankan reaction to the rebuff served only to increase the level of annipathy between the counu at cricketing level. A tour of Sri Lanka by Australia in

August remains in doubt. Yesterday, two sensible captains attempted to deflect attention from the inevitable

THE sixth World Cup has and Mark Taylor said: "If we are going to go back over those things, it isn't going to do my team any good. We've got to concentrate on our game and play our cricket. Anything that distracts us will be counter-

> this game as revenge or we will be putting pressure on ourselves. I just want to forget that tour. Night after night. the manager and I were up



SRI LANKA (Irom) A Ranstunga (captain), S T Jayasuriya, R S Kakuetherana, A P Guru-sinha, P A de Silva, H P Tilekeraine, R S Mahanama, H O P K Dharmasena, W P II C J Vass, G P Wickernasinghe, M Muralin-aran, K R Pushpakumera, U U Chandene, M S Atapatau.

talking about what we should and should not do with our problems, In a way, though, it toughened us up, made us more worldly. There is a culture of respect in our country, and if teams ever abused us we would give them back a smile. Now we give back a little more.

The Australians needed no toughening up, as they showed by conjuring victory from the promise of defeat against West Indies. And now, in Taylor, they have a captain of tenacity and adaptability, a man maturing into an outstanding leader. Both by ibject. Australia arrived at shrewd changes of bowling their hotel in early evening and field setting and by his

productive." Arjuna Ranatunga con-curred: "We should not treat



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impassively confident demeanour, he decisively transferred the tensions of the semifinal to the team that was winning it comfortably.

Precedent now favours Australia, who have won 22 out of 32 one-day games against Sri Lanka, including four out of six in their own world series competition this winter. They also have precious experience of big occasions and proven match-winners in abundance. Mark Waugh has been the most impressive batsman of the tournament and his brother. Steve, will not only have a crucial batting role but may bowl effectively, round the wicket, to Sri Lanka's four lefthanders, just as he did to

Brian Lara on Thursday. Shane Warne gives the occasion glamour but it is the development of others, such as the seam bowlers, McGrath and Fleming, and potentially the next captain, Stuart Law, that gives Australia such resourcefulness and makes them worthy favourites.

Sri Lanka, however, are the only unbeaten side in the competition. In years gone by, they would not have recovered from losing two wickets in the first over, as they did in the semi-final on Wednesday, but the new conviction of this team is such that they regrouped to dominate India.

That was a match with a shocking end, in fact with no end at all. The abandonment, under threat from a rioting crowd, left Ranatunga with mixed feelings. He said: "We were hurt that the crowd denied us our triumph but, as the situation developed, we were more concerned for the Indian players. Some of them came to us and said they did not know how to get out of the ground safely. We offered them protection on our coach."

There will be no riot tomorrow, for the passion of Pakistanis, as well as Indians, has been spent on the demise of their own teams. But there may just be another shock result. Sri Lanka believe nothing is beyond them and maybe, right now, it is not. The force is with them and so, through their style and their smiles, is the public vote.



Jayasuriya, player of the tournament, has carved bowlers to all parts and also captured valuable wickets

#### Sri Lanka take entertainment prize

Tomorrow, in Lahore, there will be a sight to gladden the heart of dub cricketers everywhere. Two short men in their early thirties, who would not look out of place in the pub team. will toss up, as captains do the world over. The difference is,

they are leading teams in the final of the World Cup. Mark Taylor, 31, of Australia, answers to the nickname "Tubs", though he is not exactly fat. Arjuna Rana-tunga, of Sri Lanka, a year older and the longest-serving current Test player, is not exactly thin. "Portly", per-haps. Between them, they have crushed some grass in their time.

Ranatunga's team has made this tournament, whether or not they win tomorrow. In years to come, people will remember how their batsmen smashed bowlers to kingdom come, and by doing so, en-sured they came of age as international cricketers. That, and Kenya's victory over West Indies, which is still scarcely credible, is the special gift of this World Cup.

Put biuntly, Sri Lanka have re-ordered the whole idea of batting in limited-overs crick-nestling in the satellite dish on Letters, page 2t et. According to Michael Ath- the top of the Faisalabad an impact.

Michael Henderson salutes the joyous

contribution made by Ranatunga's team

erton, captain of the England team thrashed in last week's quarter-final: "They play the first 15 overs as though they were the last 15." With only two men allowed to field outside the circle in that time. Sri Lanka have made merry. and made everyone else merry, except the suffering

Throughout the competition they bave scored at more than six runs an over, establishing a one-day record total of 398 for five against Kenya. and scoring 121 in the first 15 overs of the England match. Even when they lost two wickets in the first over of Wednesday's semi-final in Calcutta, de Silva took the

fight to India. At the heart of the team, opening the batting with a rare brilliance, fielding superbly and bowling profitable left-arm spin, is Sanath Jayasuriya. He came into this competition with a reputation to make and, my word, he has made it. The sight of the ball pavilion, put there by his mighty six, was the stroke of the tournament and certainly made DeFreitas feel small.

For sbeer class, Mark Waugh is the batsman of the World Cup. Jayasuriya, though he has not made Waugh's hundreds, has prepared the ground thoroughly for his team's dazzling ex-ploits. He made 79 from 76 balls when they beat India in Delhi, and needed only 44 balls for that mind-boggling 82 against England, when one's impulse was simply to laugh at the sheer nerve of it.

ayasuriya is already a winner, before the final. Man of the match on three occasions, he has been officially honoured as the most valuable player of the tournament. Waugh, who has been among the wickets as well as making 472 runs, is entitled to feel miffed but it seems a fair pick. Without bim, Sri Lanka may not have reached the final and would certainly not have made such

It is impossible to exaggerate how much this World Cup means to Sri Lanka. They tost income from two group matches, after Australia and West Indies declined to play in Colombo, and were frightened of being ring-rusty when it came to the knockout stage. Now they have proved that they can live with the best at this tevel, and their Test series victory in Pakistan last auturn indicates they can hold their own in proper cricket.

They have earned the right to be taken seriously by the world's top table. It should not be long, for instance, before the likes of Jayasuriya and Chaminda Vaas, their promising left-arm swing bowler, are recruited by English counties. At the start of this competi-

tion. Ranatunga travelled to a Buddhist shrine to receive a blessing on the team's behalf. He was offered a helicopter for the journey but preferred to go by car, reckoning it was not fair to cut corners just because he was the island's

cricket captain.
Tomorrow, "Captain Corpulent" and his joyful hiners will discover how blessed they really are. They would be enormously popular cham-

#### Australia's 'no-show' in Colombo may yet be forgiven

THE Australia and Sri Lanka players are putting a brave face on their meeting in the World Cup final tomorrow, despite Australia's refusal to play in Colombo last month and the fact that when they last met in a one-day match, in January, they were unable to shake hands afterwards. But what of Sri Lanka's threatened legal action over Australia's "no-show" once the tourna-

meni is over? Sri Lanka are believed to have a strong case for financial reparation for lost gate receipts, quite apart from the cricket that was denied their players and public. But the matter is complicated by the fact that Pilcom, the organising committee, through whom Sri Lanka would look to act, disbands itself on March 31 and Australia are due to

tour Sri Lanka from July. "Sri Lanka will not pursue the matter until the World Cup finishes," a source close to the Sri Lanka team said yesterday, "but above all they want good relations with Australia and that desire might affect what course of action they pursue over the 'no-show'."



#### Sticky wicket

Most people in India seem to want Mohammad Azharuddin to resign as captain after their side's ignominious World Cup exit, chief among them Bishen Bedi, a former India captain himself, who has denounced the selectors for retaining Azharuddin for the forthcoming tour of England.

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"It was Azharuddin's decision to field first on a bad wicket that led to the Indian debacle and the subsequent crowd trouble," Bedi said. "To field firsi on a new wicket was disastrous. It is diabolical, indeed, that despite being in the hot seat for six years, Azharuddin has learnt noth-

ing whatsoever about captaincy. leadership, man management and strategical skills. The sooner we get rid of

him the bener." If this sounds personal, that is because it is. tn 1990, Bedi managed India's last tour of England and he and Azharuddin argued over whether to bal or field in a Test match at Lord's. England were put in. and proceeded to score 653 -333 of them by Graham

#### One-day wonders

ed-overs team in the world? Anything can happen in a oneday match, so why not a bestof-three matches finat, as happens in the World Series Cup in Australia and is happening this week in the closing stages of South Africa's domesric Benson and Hedges

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4.00 RUSSELL BALDWIN & BRIGHT 150TH

(Amateurs: £2,220: 3m 1f 110yd) (15) 1 1-22 BROWN WINDSOR 12 DEF.C.SI Miss C Saunders 14-12-7 2 5538 RUISTY BRADGE 1T (CILF,G) Mrs S Johnson 9-12-7 R Thombon (7) 3 -P14 FARINGO B (G) F Farrow (1-12-4 - C Whird (7) 4 2P-5 GOLDEN FREEZE ZZ (C.D.G.S) Wrs A Bowby 14-12-4

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6 12/1 LAND OF WONDER 16 (G.S) May C Hights 9-12-4 B Highs (7)

7 2-50, LESLARY LAD 2PP (F.S.S) IS Bandes 18-12-4 M Month (7)

8 211/ SIR NODOY 672 (F.G.S) G Brosco 13-12-4 C Sincidon (7)

9 5-PG ALL WEATHER 21P (E.S.) May O Widestrich 10-12-4

10 -504 BARIN POOL 14 R Davies 14-12-0 M Principal (7)

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12 3-PG OLD STEINE 12 K Sonit 8-12-0 L Johnson (7)

13 0/D ORTION HOUSE 347 S Ketyl 9-12-0 L A Geffich (7)

14 1/F OUT FOR RUN 31 (S) Miss C March 10-12-0 P King (7)

15 3-32 SHOON WIND 14P (D.F.S.S) J Balton 13-12-0 A Geffich (7)

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4.30 TEME MARES DALY HANDICAP HURBLE

1 1021 LYING EYES 14 (G.S.) W.G. M. Turner 5-12-0... T. C. Marphy (7) 2 3-43 MAPPHERS MERROR 11 (CD,6,5) N. Twiston-Danies 9-11-0 6-4 Lyang Eyes, 3-1 Mariners Militon, 5-1 Hydanokia, 8-1 Handy Less, 8-1 Sarsta Gou, 18-1 Suppletord Lady 20-1 Free Dancer

5.00 CHARLIE KNIPE NOVICES CHASE

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5.30 LEVY BOARD MOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,297: 3m 2f) (15)

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3 CPD THEBARN 50 J White 8-10-0 D Botton (7)

4 LI-PO CHANCE DE LA VES 59 Mrss C Horist 7-10-8 Soptia Mitchall (5)

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NEWCASTLE THUNDERER 2.15 Edetwels Du Moulin, 2.50 Wudimp, 3.20 CARLEY LAD (nep), 3.55 Northants, 4.25 Dark Dawn, 4.55 Hyperion Son, 5.25 Swanbister.

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Carl Evans: 2.50 Wudimp. 4.25 Dark Dawn. 4.55 Hyperion Son.

(£2,463: 2m) (17 runners) 

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2.50 SCUTT HARDEN SHOOT AND MELDON STORAGE AND DRYING HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,903: 3m) (9)

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(£3,436: 3m) (9) 1 2721 ZAM-KAREER 14 (C.D.F.E) W Sorry 5-11-10 P Carberry 2 -000 BURNT IMP 21 (F.S.S.) 6 Moors 5-11-10 J Calegren 3 5249 LPRON V 11 (D.B.F.F.E.S) Mrs M Reveloy 10-11-7 C McCourneck (7) 4 312/ ARADLER 679 (5) P Cheesbrough 8-16-12 ... R Supplie 5 3432 TALLYWAGER 11 (CD.F.G) S Moore 9-10-11 ... N Bentley 8 0-20 DOCKHASTER 60 (5) Mas M Mittigen 5-10-4 ... R Handing (3) 7 -212 CARLEY LAD 9 (CD.Br.S) 6 Roberts 8-10-4 ... 8 Handing (3) 8 279- MAJORITY MAJOR 523 (6) P Cheesbrough 7-10-2 A Thornton 9 1426 ARLE PLAYER 11 (CD.F.G.S) Mrs S Branes 9-10-0 Mrs Wheelen (5)

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#### 3.55 ARTHUR STEPHENSON MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE (£4,488: 3m) (6)

2-1 Hortbards, 11-4 Fireleigh Builds, 7-2 Calligh Boy, 5-1 Popeshall, 8-1 Richardson, 50-1 Actings. 4.25 NORTHUMBERLAND HUSSARS HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £2,614: 3m) (70)

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1 3-PP DARK DAWN 17 (CD.F.G.S) Nrs. J Brown 12-11-15. S Swinzs
2 -410 GREEN TRIES 8 (D.G.S.) Nrs. J Storey 11-11-13 W Runnary (7)
3 -432 CAROUSEL ROCKET 9 (CD.S.) M Interment 13-11-16 J Daviss (7)
4 435 FRSH CLUSY 149 (D.S.) Nrs. Lorin 13-11-10. Miles S Lorey (7)
5 433- LITTLE SENETAL 234 (F) Nrs. McCarmack 13-11-18 K Winten (5)
8 -467 LILUSYLANS TOWN BOY 16 (F.S.) J Noblet 11-11-10. R Robins (7)
7 187- MR DEFLORATIC SAS? (B.S.) J Paleus 13-11-10 M Brackware (7)
8 5-42 PREMOCIO LAD 149 (S) C Scart 9-11-16 ... Mins S Scart (7)
8 LC-2 SREFLY PERFECT 22 (S) J Schriddly: 10-11-10
10 P-11 WASHAGE SAP (CD.F.G.S) F Walton 21-11-10 P Johnson (5)
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5-2 Streety Perfect, 5-1 Dark Dawn, 11-2 Washakas, 0-1 Caroscal Rocket, 13-2 Green Threes, 7-1 Fish Dawy, 8-1 Mr Diplomatic, 10-1 others.

4.55 UNIVERSAL FORWARDING NOVICES HUNTERS CHASE (Arteleurs: £1,402: 2m 41) (10)

1 O-PO COURERY 11 V Thompson 7-12-7 ... M Thompson (3) 3-93 BLID ANGR 8 J Shanar 7-12-7 ... M Thompson (3) 3 UP-4 RIVER 21P Mrs J Story 8-12-7 ... R Shiela (5) 3 UP-4 RIVER 21P Mrs J Story 8-12-7 ... R Shiela (5) 4 PP-0 HEARTHYSON SON 14P J Hackery 9-12-7 ... M Height (7) 5 US-3 MAN OF MREPSET 14P Mrs A Wood 9-12-7 ... D Wood (7) 7 P042 REVELER'S GLORY 8 (5) Mrs S Redgets 12-12-7 . S Sevent 8 PIPO CALLED TO ACCOUNT 21P Mrs I, Marshall 7-12-2 R River (7) 10 URS 3 RIVER 24M 14P P Nection 7-12-2 ... P Monthly (7) 10 URS 3 RIVER 24M 14P P Nection 7-12-2 ... R Whelsin (5) 10 Mrs Sn 11-18 Relief S Sn 7-2 Bid Anne 5-1 Min O Moreal. 5-2 Hyperica Son. 11-4 Revise's Blory, 7-2 Bild Arion, 5-1 Man Ol Missel, 6-1 Rying Pan. 10-1 Rypis, 25-1 others

5.25 ESA HOWDEN HELICOPTERS & CAMPAIGN FOR SHOOTING NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,637: 2m) (13)

9-4 Generator, 7-2 Samblister, 4-1 Mr Tees Components, 5-1 Bold Statement, 8-1 Our Wyn-Ston, 10-1 Southern Cross, 14-1 Element Ol Reik, 18-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAREES: M W Easterby, 10 winners from 41 numers, 24 4%; Mcs. M. Reveley, 31 from 135, 23.0%, P Chiestrough, 12 from 51, 19.7%, J. Fitzgerád, 9 from 52, 17.3%; G M Moore, 13 from 77, 16.9%; E Retents, 10 from 65, 15.4%

JOCKEYS: P Amen, 34 winners from 135 ridge, 25.2%; N Bentiny, 9 from 43, 20 9%; L Wyer, 18 from 96, 16 7%; Nr R Hate, 3 from 18, 16.7%, I Reed, 15 from 96, 15 6%, A Thomson, 5 from 33, 15.2%.

#### RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS Credo (9-4), 6 ran. 6, 5l. Mrs O Haine Tota: £1.40; £1 70, £1 40, DF £2.70 CSF-£5.29

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LLL THATOMBY STEVE MARTIN

rank Bruno is by no means the first world heavyweight boxing champion with suspect credendals, if judged by the highest standards. The irony of the bout against Mike Tyson tonight at the mammoth MGM Grand Hotel here in Las Vegas - from the middle of which it takes, in any direction, five minutes to walk to daylight - is that, win or lose,

Bruno will emerge smiling.
There is no parallel in the history of British sport: a champion who is so average and yet so widely popular. There is a double explanation. The heavyweight division has not been at such a low level since Primo Carnera and Max Baer were clowning in the Thirties, while Bruno has the kind of engaging, modest personality that particularly appeals to the British. He is the Tommy Cooper

of the ring.

Knowing that his tricks will probably go wrong is somehow part of the attraction. Although Bruno has come to resent the fact that he is seen by many as a figure of fun, it is no coincidence that his characteristics lend themselves to pantomime. He is that paradox: a boxer who is unthreatening, "Go on. Frank. we know you aren't really nasty."

Bruno should reflect how fortunate he is to be able, because of a limited field, to enter the ring to defend his World Boxing Council ritle for a Lonery-sized £4 million. Nor can he complain that he is being treated like the challenger and Tyson the champion. That is a reflection of comparative boxing status as much as the manipulation of Don King, the promoter.

That Tyson is receiving five rimes Bruno's purse is an illustrarion of the extent to which the sport hangs on those once formidable qualities of Tyson's that are tonight so in question.

Bruno, you could say, has got it made. If he loses badly, inside a few rounds, as in their previous meeting in 1989, the verdict will be that Tyson retains his venom, that it was to be expected, that Bruno is > again a loser who can now concentrate on his three children and his inarticulate brand of humour on the stage.

If he wins or loses over the distance, it will be said he has finally improved as a boxer, that he exposed how much Tyson's 312 years out of the ring had robbed Samson of his strength. Were Bruno to win by an early knockout, on the other hand, he would be an unquestioned hero for the remainder of his time, critical analysis counting for nothing.

Careful assessment of past performances, however, suggests that unless Tyson's decline is more severe than even his detractors allege, a successful defence by Bruno is unlikely. Why?

First, he is not an instinctive boxer. He is a marvellously muscled, big man whose string of knockouts as a professional, following 20 wins and a defeat in his amateur career, are more attributable to shrewd matchmaking by

'If Bruno is said to have improved, it is primarily by an increased ability to clinch'

Mickey Duff and others against moderate opposition than to punching power equivalent to Tyson's. In his four most serious bouts. against James "Bonecrusher" Smith, Tim Witherspoon, Tyson and Lennox Lewis, Bruno never knocked his man down.

Second, he is not a natural mover. He may have been a bully at school, expelled for threatening a master, and then sent to an establishment for "difficult boys", but as a boxer he is artificial. Terry Lawless, his former manager, had to labour at making his man more mobile, employing golf and dancing to create a more balanced platform for a useful left jab and dangerous right cross. Bruno has never thoroughly out-boxed any

Third, Bruno has no spontaneous sense of defence. He reacts

when seriously attacked, as in those four most important bouts he lost, he is reduced to a state of panic. Disorganised retreat was even apparent in the last two rounds when he finally won his title against Oliver McCall, at which point Bruno was already too far ahead to be overhauled by anything other than a knockout blow, which McCall never looked like producing. If Bruno is said to have improved, it is primarily by an increased ability to clinch.

Behind the hyperbole and the boasts of what he is going to do to Tyson, it is hard to detect Bruno's present motives. For a poor boy from Wandsworth — where his mother, Lynene, still lives — a manorial lifestyle in Essex, with swimming pool and horses, is an accomplishment beyond dreams. Certainly he does not need money. though some of the prosperity, it must be said, comes from the managerial tenacity on the com-

mercial front of his wife, Laura. He was not the brightest at school. Asked by a teacher where the Magna Carta was signed, he replied: "At the bottom of the page. miss", though this anecdote could well be the product of his diligent quip writer.

As he developed as an amateur, his elder brother, Michael, who remains part of his team, used to say: "Franklyn, God's spotlight has fallen on you." and when Bruno won the ABA title at IB, in 1980, Michael chalked above the kitchen door: "Heavyweight champion of the world. 1986".

Because of short-sightedness in his right eye, the start of Bruno's professional career was delayed by an operation in Bogota, paid for by Lawless. It was the devotion and skill of Lawless, together with the obstacle-bypass matchmaking of Duff, that steered a one-punch boxer through the shoals of mediocrity into deeper water.
As his limitations have been

consistently evident, it is difficult for any but the impassioned 5,000 followers from Britain who will crowd the arena tonight to have conviction about a Tyson defeat. ous sense of defence. He reacts badly when hurt. It is not so much by the optimists on the left hand



blow with Which Bruno briefly rocked Tyson here seven years ago in the first round. That is said to be the first time Tyson was seriously hurt. It was the following year that Buster Douglas pulled the trap-door for Tyson to begin his catastrophic disintegration that

ended in prison. Yet a boxer of Tyson's age loses timing rather than speed during inactivity. Against an opponent as static and upright as Bruno. Tyson's fast hands should still

prove perplexingly difficult to

evade for the bigger man. The fascination of the bout is how either man will respond if Bruno should this time put Tyson on the canvas in the early rounds. Will Bruno have the wit and mobility to exploit the advantage? Will Tyson be able to absorb the effect? Against Douglas, he failed to show the resilience of the greatest champions of the past when having to climb off the floor. the octogenarian trainer-cornerman and one of the wisest heads in town, is that Bruno's best chance may come if he can last the distance. "He mustn't give Tyson a target," Tocoo said. "If you stand in the middle of the said." in the middle of the ring against him or get caught on the ropes,

you're a dead tomato." Along with other observers, such as Kevin Rooney, Tyson's former trainer, and Eddie Futch, The veteran trainer of Riddick The opinion of Johnny Tocco, Bowe, Tocco thinks Tyson may be burdened.

incapable of lasting 12 rounds; the quality he has lost most may be stamina. Whether gaining £20 million has eroded his incentive is another matter. The oldest saying in the game is that the best fighter is a hungry fighter.

If Brune, such an easy target for a quick opponent, can stay out of trouble and then stay the distance, maybe he can, against all the odd discard that caricature image with which he feels he is unfairly

TOD

#### holds no fears for Hamed

BY DANIEL BARRETT

NASEEM HAMED steps back into the limelight tonight when he faces Said Lawal, of Nigeria, in the first defence of the World Boxing Organisation (WBO) featherweight tide he took from Steve Rob-inson, of Wales, in Cardiff last September.

The long-awaited return previous plans to meet Arnulfo Castillo, of Mexico, were twice postponed when Hamed fractured the metacarpus in his right hand should prove nothing more than a warm-up for more lucrative times ahead.

Lawal. who holds the World Boxing Couocil international title, is based in Austria. During a career of 19 bouts, of which he has won 17, he has not encountered the class of opposition that even a ring-rusty Hamed is sure to provide at the Scottish Exhibi-

tion Centre in Glasgow. So certain is Brendan Ingle. Hamed's manager, that Lawal will fail to blemish the Sheffield boxer's record of 20 straight victories that he is aiready planning ahead to possible defences against the Not challenger, Daniel Alicea, of Puerto Rico, or a money-spinning showdown with the ageing but powerful super-featherweight champi-on, Azumah Nelson, 37.

Hamed summarily dismissed Lawal's chances, boasting: "I'll finish him off in two rounds." Despite his ab-sence of six months from the ring, few would argue.
Another name of some note,

inot notoriety, continuing his return to the ring is Joe Bugner. The 46-year-old grandfather and Australian champion meets Scott Welch, 27, the British and Commonwealth heavyweight champion. for the WBO intercontinental title. Having been refused a licence to box in Britain, Bugner is forced to meet his opponent in the Deutschlandhalle, Berlin.

The competent Welch need be wary, but should triumph. He owns two homes for the elderly on the south coast, and assured Bugner: "I'm used to dealing with old folk."

#### Nigerian | Fluent Montgomerie sets | Guildford out to rein in Spaniard

FROM MEL WEBB IN DUBAL

WITH the floods of midweek becoming but a distant and soggy memory, business at the Dubai Desert Classic was back to normal yesterday. Miguel Angel Jimenez extended his lead, but fur all that the Spaniard has played superlative golf in the past two days. he cannot but be wary of the man who shares second place.

Colin Montgomerie, who is alongside Jay Townsend, four strokes behind Jiménez, is playing in his first tournament of the season, but his form is so impressive that nobody watching him could guess that he is just coming off a volun-tary three-month sabbatical from the game. Three days, perhaps, but three months? Surely not.

Yet it is so, and Montgomerie can scarcely believe that he is playing so well. "To get into contention as early as this is more than f expected, "he said, "but as I'm in a position to win, I might as well go for it. I'm very confident."

In other, lesser, players, this might sound a touch gung-ho, but Montgomerie is not an individual given to sabrerattling. When he is within track of the leader - limited reach of the leader — Jiménez is on 13t. t3 under par — would-be winners had better

WHAT does it profit a man if

he hits the ball 300 yards off

the tee but misses the green

with an eight-iron? Sandy

Lyle, the man in question, is so nearly back to his best in terms of striking the ball, but his attitude is lagging far

Lyle finished twelfth in the Honda Classic last week and.

on the eve of the Bay Hill Invitational here, he said: "I'm

on a high. I'm hitting the ball really well." So well that Jimmy Ballard, his coach, had nothing much to say to Lyle

after one outstanding practice

Once on the course, how-

ever, Lyle tends to let his

frustrations take over and,

watch out. History and pedigree make Montgomerie the man to beat this weekend. The Scot had a 68 yesterday

to add to his 67 the day before, and has radoned himself to one bogey per round. He is in ominously good form and must be in good heart for his attempt to win the order of merit for the fourth year running, even if he has given lan Woosnam a £211,000 start. Jiménez, who followed up his first-round 63 with a 68 containing seven birdies, believes that a final total of 16

under par will win him the

Montgomerie: confident

Lyle pays for failing to be positive

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA

par, he was worried about

making the cut - although only 35 of the field had broken

par. "I've never done too well at Bay Hill." Lyle fretted, annoyed at dropping a shot at the 18th, the most difficult hole

on the course. That was where

he launched a drive of 300

yards but tweaked his eight-

iron into a vicious lie just off

the green on the left. His pitch

was deft but still ran ten feet

past the hole and the putt

Lyle is aware that he has missed the cut in his past four

outings here — he was disqualified the time before —

and even playing with Arnold

Palmer, the tournament host,

on an idyllic, sunny morning

after a first round of 72, level yesterday did not seem to

For Severiano Ballesteros. meanwhile, the difference between his first round and his second was simple, and yet, in terms of the crisis of selfconfidence that he is suffering, potentially very significant. On Thursday, he finished with two bogeys; yesterday, he completed his round with two birdies.

He had already had three birdies and as many bogeys when he mooched onto the 17th tee. cursing a dropped shot on the 15th. At that moment he was one under par, and in imminent danger of missing the cut. If that had happened, goodness knows what it would have done to his fragile morale. Instead, the great escape artist put a sandwedge from 85 yards to within a foot of the pin, and another sand-wedge pulled up six feet from the hole on the last. The

first pun was easy, the second he made look easy. Those two putts must have flushed away some of the negative thoughts that have been bedevilling him; at last, the flashing Ballesteros smile was back. "It's nice to be here for the weekend," he said. One would think the sponsors were fairly happy about it as well.

make him any less anxious. Palmer, ever ready to chat to

veterans of his army in the crowd, declared: The golf

Lyle still made his own

difficulties, dropping a shot at

the 2nd and having to work

hard to make his pars at the next three holes. Doubtless feeling the need for a birdie, he

hoicked his drive left into the

water at the 543-yard 6th and

took a double-bogey seven. He

missed the green at the short

7th, took four and completed

the front nine in 40. Missing

the cut was beginning to look like a self-fulfilling prophecy. Meanwhile, Mike Hulbert,

a man who putts one-handed,

led the tournament on 138, six

under par, after a second 69.

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#### boast new attack for cup defence

By Sydney Frisken

GUILDFORD begin the de-fence of the Hockey Associ-ation Cup in earnest today when they take on Reading in the quarter-finals with a reorganised front line. The return of Robinson at left half will enable Markham to move forward and sharpen the attack Markham will operate on the left, with Hall in the middle and Cartmell on

the right wing. Reading continue their twopronged attack, launched by Mark Hoskin and Pearn, with Howard Hoskin floating behind in support. Osborn, whose services had been confined to the striking of short corners, can expect to spend more time on the field than he did last week.

Old Loughtonians are aiming to turn the tables on Southgate, who won 2-1 in their league meeting in Nov-ember. Williams, Thompson, and Lee will be the tront-runners for Old Lought-onians, with Southgate adopting a similar pattern. Woods will lead the attack with Shaw and Simons on the

flanks.
Teddington, last year's runners-up, are at full strength except that French, their goal-keeper, is injured and is a doubtful starter for the home match against Canterbury. Havant entertain East Grin-stead with Nail, their captain. on the sick-list and Cunliffe unavailable, but Giles is still there to help them out.

Sutton Coldfield travel to

Liverpool to play Hightown today with the chance to reach the top of the women's National League premier division for the first time in seven years of trying (Alix Ramsay writes). Always an impressive side on paper, Sutton have never managed to live up to their own expectations, but over the past year they have undergone a silent - and

fairly painless - revolution. Finding themselves without a coach last year, the players asked their stalwart defender, Jo Nightingale, to take a few practices. Since then she, and the team, have not looked

#### Ravanelli uses striker's instinct to good effect

WHY, you may wonder, is the Italy and Juventus centre forward, Fabrizio Ravanelli, wearing his hand in plaster? Ravanelli is a conspicuous figure. He is known as la penna bianca, the white feather, not for any lack of courage, but because of his head of grey hair. He is a lifelong Juventus supporter. as well as a player, so he attracts special affection and special

loathing.
He was filling up his car at a petrol station when a young chap approached him with the elegant conversational gambit. You're that son-of-awhore Ravanelli." He then took a swing at Ravanelli. who responded spiritedly by whacking him in the face breaking a bone in his hand as he did so. Another man approached him and hurled the garage open-shut sign at him. Ravanelli dodged neat-ly, and both his assailants vanished into the night.

Many people have had much to say on the subject; effortlessly the most absurd words came from Antonio Ciraudo, the Juventus chief executive, who pronounced: "The worst aspect of all this is the ideological dishonesty." Just what I was going to say.

#### Distaff winner

A great leap forward: the Japan Racing Association has issued licences to female jockeys for the first time in its 40-year bistory. Maki Tamura, Junko Hoseo and Yukiko Makihara can now compete on the country's ten racecourses. There are no female trainers in Japan. though there are one or two female assistants.

#### French cricket

The cricket match of the season will take place on April 27. The match begins at 9.30, when the first innings will be played at the St Lawrence Ground in Canterbury. An hour and a half later, the innings will end. The second innings starts at 3.45. This rather long lunch break will enable both teams to catch the Shuttle through



**SIMON BARNES** On Saturday

at a place called Wimereux. The match takes place under the auspices of Wicket Wimereux Côte d'Opale Association Sportive de Cricket. Chris Cowdrey will lead a Kent XI against Côte d'Opale. It still looks saner and roore straightforward than the scheduling of the matches in the World Cup.



Top cat

Andrew Wingfield Digby, the leader of the Christians in Sport organisation and most famous as the England cricket chaptain sacked by Ray religion-is-for-wimps Illingworth, has recently spotted a great cat, allegedy at large in Oxfordshire and nicknamed "the Wolvercote Wildcat". Wingers-Diggers saw the beast when walking his dogs along Oxford Canal. "It was approximately three times the size of a three times the size of a domestic cat." he said. He looked it up, and believes it was a rare Asian cat called

Streets of ire

at a place called Wimereux. Games, aka the Atlanta Olympics. So nice to know that the city is behind the project, suffused with optimism. "I bet you it is safer to walk the streets of Sarajevo than it is to walk the streets of my home town, Atlanta." This from no less an authority than the Attor-ney-General for the state of Georgia. Michael Bowers. The statement was made in a non-Olympic study

group of law enforcement officials. It was not intended for public consumption, but Bowers did not back down when questioned further. "Crime is out of control, no matter what anyone says." he said. "The media have either not heard the statistics or have been living on Mars." Bill Rathburn, head of Olympic security, countered soothingly: "We will have sens of thousands of security people." thousands of security people for the Olympics. Atlanta will be the safest place on earth." For a couple of weeks.

#### Great verse

Time for a hit of poetry. It comes from the newly published 22 Cricket Poems by Colin Shakespeare, published by Oak Press. Here is one about Sir Len Hutton:

There was no violence in him.

The quiet mathematician Given over to geometrics And the study of angles.

Perimeters and perpend-Curves and dividing lines.

But rarely, rarely, the parabola. the Channel Tunnel to play How the world is looking And the mystery of it all the second innings in France, forward to the Coca-Cola Was the mastery of it all.

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# Wales need victory to reward new spirit of adventure

A VICTORY for France this afternoon at Cardiff Arms Park will not necessarily mean that the championship is theirs. For that to be accomplished depends partly on England's mood at Twickenham and whether they make a bold attempt to overcome the points difference between them and France, and so win the title for themselves. England's other objective is to go for a straightforward win and hag the triple crown which, in today's less parochial rugby world, seems to retain only a aded charm.

The triple crown might mean something only if there is no chance of the greater prizes of grand slam or championship which England, on the other hand, can still claim if France lose. Other permutations include Scot-land. France, aware of all these possibilities, will want to sure that the clear blue water which currently sepa-rates them from the rest

On the other hand, Wales, for all their brave and bold adventure, are attempting once more to fend off a whitewash. This was their fate last season, but this year they have deserved more. Whatever happens today, they have introduced a breath of fresh air to an otherwise commonplace tournament. Only the mean-minded and churlish would argue otherwise.

France promised much before the season began but have not fulfilled expectations. They heat New Zealand in November and, even though they lost an exciting second contest. their form was good enough against the All Blacks to augur well for the five nations championship. Casting aside their colourful talk to play la methode Toulousain, of the joy of handling and so on, they

quaked at their vision of

England and took them on in a solemn struggle. Scotland pricked France's conscience about the running game, and, although Ireland fell by the wayside, it was hardly vintage

Wales, for their part, did little against Fiji and Italy to encourage their supporters. Yet, apart from Scotland, Wales have provided much more, except, of course, they have still to stop the rot which has seen them lose eight

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CHAMPIONSHIP

consecutive matches in the championship. A victory still eludes them which this team, above all others in recent years, desperately needs. There is hope in the way this team plays and it needs to be confirmed by success.

"I would like to think that we will be judged in part by our intentinn," Kevin Bowring, the Wales coach, said. There was a desperate nieed to put respect back into the Weish game. I really do believe that the way we are playing is the way to do so." In this he has the support of an enthusiastic Welsh public.

"What we have Io do is to do " il better so that the right results come our way. Our own errors have cost us recent matches. Having done well in the early stages against England and Ireland, we suddenly

found ourselves chasing to catch up.
"This is not, however, to

take anything away from our opponents. Simply that Wales need to learn not to give them anything," he added.

Giving away anything to France will be many times more dangerous, from Sadourny, at full back, to Accoceberry, at scrum half. With the likes of Ntamack, Saint-André and Castaignède in between, there are players of speed and enterprise. Their marauding back row is sup-plemented by Roumat and Benazzi, the two locks, who are equally rapacious.

Away from their familiar boulevards, they are fragile, as Scotland found. The lesson from that game is to unsettle them from the start. For this, Wales will need to maintain the 60 per cent share of the lineout possession which they have enjoyed in all their matches so far. They will need Christian Loader, their new loose-head prop, to establish a scrummage presence which hitherto has escaped them.

The other two Weish changes also have burdens to bear. Gareth Thomas, winning his sixth cap, faces one of the world's best wingers in Ntamack, but this load is light compared to that of Neil Jenkins, the stand-off half. He knows that in Arwel Thomas, for all the youngster's lapses in Dublin, be has a competitor for the position. The nation awaits his response and, by all accounts, he has been champing at the bit for his chance.

. A flowing game is anticipated, and France are expected to win with something to spare. I concur with the first expectation, but doubt the second. I fancy it will be closer than recent results would suggest. Obituaries, page 23

Paul Grayson, the

Andrew's heir settles in for extended stay

stand-off half at the

helm of a new era

hroughout this season, the England management, privately and sometimes publicly, have lamented the loss of Rob Andrew. Not only for the 70 international caps' worth of experience that he brought to stand-off half, but for his organisational skills and the huge degree of application he showed in making himself whether Stuart Barnes liked it or not - the premier

long.

Does Paul Grayson give that a thought? Not until someone else forces him to, for that is the nature of the sportsman - to think not of what has gone, but of what the future holds for you and vour team Grayson, 24, and with a

player in his position for so

mere four caps behind him, is a remarkably composed individual, whose composure will be sorely tested amid the Twickenham today by the Irish, who seek to deny England a triple crown in rugby union's five nations' championship. And he is a man accustomed to playing sport well. Give him a ball any shape, a club or a racket and soon be will be at homewith it. They still call him up from Chorley to see whether he can spend some of the cricket season in the competitive Northern League (opening bowler, No 5 batsman); a nominal golf handicap of 18 can be reduced to eight before the clubs are stowed for the winter.

ball to semi-professional level before reaching a plateau and discovering the social attractions of rugby. "I became dragged along by the whole thing, moved lo Waterloo then to Northamptoo [his present club, because that's what people said I should do," Grayson said, "bul I

Grayson also played foot-



went into it totally fresh. Only at the end of last season did I begin to notice myself more, dominating training sessions

in respect of input to others."
"One of his big pluses is that mentally he is very sharp," Ian McGeechan, his coach at Northampton, said. Top sports people are not caught out by pace. Because his mind is agile, the more pressure he is put under, he can naturally react. His hands are good, his acceleration off the mark is good, he can sidestep. It's a matter of putting all the components

So what went wrong against Wales last month? Grayson's reaction to the criticism that followed that

together.

game is revealing. "I've never been that erratic in any sport, in any competition, but the good thing was that I tackled well, I ran the ball quite well and, when I analysed it, you can count five kicks at goal that went awry and probably four very obvious ones out of hand.

"Yet I turned it round by the end of the game. One goal from six became three from three, which is mentally very challenging. That was a good experience, but there are only two ways you can go: you can learn from it or you can curl up and disappear." Grayson is not the disappear-

In his own eyes, Grayson saw himself at four in England's pecking order at the start of this season, behind Andrew, Mike Catt and David Pears; his plan was to consolidate his A-team place and crack the senior side next season, but then Andrew retired, Pears succumbed to injury and Catt was

"I'm lucky I have the ability to analyse a game fairly well, fairly immediately and that, combined with the experience of playing big games with better players. made the penny drop. I realised I had a lot to offer people and that It would be a waste to carry on without

thinking about it passing it

perceived to have failed at

stand-off half against South

on, bringing it out on the Such an attitude is meat

and drink to so perceptive a coach as McGeechan and accounts for Grayson's success on England's A tour to Australia last summer and his present elevation.

A cool brain lies behind Grayson's self-contained exterior, just as there was with Andrew. The same preparation goes into his career as an insurance broker with Hammon Osborne in Northampton, where he is not Ihinking in the short Ierm, by the same token, Grayson, having laid hands on the pivotal role in the England team, will not readily relin-

#### TODAY'S TEAMS IN CARDIFF

#### **WALES**

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D Jones (Cardiff)

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H T Taylor (Cardilf) Referee: B W Stirling (Ireland) REPLACEMENTS: 16 W T Proctor (Clanellii, 17 A C Thomas (Bristol), 18 A P Moore |Cardiff), 19 S Williams (Neath), 20 L Mustoe (Cardiff) 21 G

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\*P Saint-André (Montierrand) T Castaignède (Toulouse) G Accoceberry (Bègles-Bordeaux C Califano (Toulouse)

J-M Gonzalez (Bayonne) F Tournaire (Narbonne) R Castel (Toulouse)

A Benazzi (Agen) O Roumat (Dax) L Cabannes (Racing) S Dispagne (Toulouse)

REPLACEMENTS: 16 R Dourthe (Dax), 17 A Penaud (Brive), 12 F Galthie (Colomiers), 19 O Brouzet (Grenobis), 20 R Ibanez (Dax), 21 M Périé (Toulon).

#### King at heart of regal display

Ireland A.....

THE senior England management has spoken of the expansive style to which it aspires. England's aspirant players have already achieved it, judging by their record score against Ireland in the A international at Richmond yesierday.

They could well have scored more than seven tries but for a slipshod period early in the second half, when England lost their shape and, for reasons known best to themselves, turned inward rather than into space. But that is to cavil at an exhilarating performance from a young team becoming accustomed to run-

ning the ball. The measure of England's success in what has been an

scrum, once a noted England

Ireland might have been



......56 and ended a well-beaten team. satisfied with their first half not Adebayo and Stimpson scored tries just before the interval to secure a 25-8 advantage. King orchestrated England with verve. kicking well when required but always willing to bring his midfield and back row into

> the outcome, even amid a stream of penalties to the Irish, was never in doubt. SCORERS: England A Titles: Gartorth (2), Gorrarsall, Adebayo, Stimpson, King, Dignase, Conversions: King (6), Ponelly goels: King (2), Dropped goels: King, Ireland A: Tries: Wallace (2), O'Shea, Francs, Penalty goels: Elwood (2)

play. Two dashes by Wallace

kept England on their toes but

PINGLAND A: T Stimpson (West Hartie-pool): P Hull (Bratol), W Greenwood (Hartequins), N Greenwood (Waspe), A Adebeyo (Bath), A King (Bratol University), A Gomarsoll (Waspe), R Hardwick (Cou-entry), R Cockerill (Lecester), O Guirotth (Lecester), M Corry (Bratol), C Murphy Milest Metacond, D. Stimp (Wiley States)

captain).

IRELAND A: C O'Shea (London Insh); R
Wallace (Garryowen), R Henderson
(London Irish), S McCahill (Sunday's Well),
J Topping (Ballymens); E Ewood
(Lansdowne), A Rolland (Blackrock College),
S Byrms (Blackrock College), A McKeen
(Lansdowne), A Foley (Strannon), N Francis (Old Belvedere), M O'Kelly (St Mary's
College), L Toland (Old Crescent), 2 Walsh
(London Insh)

#### Harlequins fight for Llewellyn By DAVID HANDS

THE legal challenge to the to keep their best playing International Rugby Football assets within the Principality. Board (IRFB) ruling on the sport's developing transfer market, which always seemed likely, moved a step closer yesterday when Harlequins stated their willingness to fight in court for the services of

Gareth Llewellyn. Llewellyn, the Neath and Wales lock, is due to play in England next season, but the Welsh Rugby Union (WRU) insisted yesterday on strict compliance with the IRFB's 180-day residential qualification. They believe that Llewellyn does not meet that

The Welsh stand will meet with the sympathy of Ireland and Scotland, many of whose better players are considering attractive offers from English clubs, but the English authorities doubt whether it is legally enforceable. Certainly, Harlequins do not: Dick Best, their director of rugby, said: "If necessary we will issue a writ against the Welsh Rugby

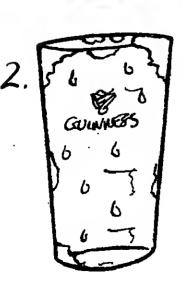
"We envisaged something like this would happen. We already have in place our I'm very confident Garath will be a Harlequins player next season. He is already technically a resident of Rich-mond and has been since March I like final date for eligibility. to play next season].

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vil!

Liewellyn's transfer request was turned down by the WRU's regulatory and trusts comminee on the grounds that he has remained resident in Wales and therefore does not comply with the IRFB regulation 9.4, but their understandable endeavour to protect their domesuc game seems to run





How's that for an Irish conversion?

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unbeaten season over five matches was that Ireland were themselves going for a triple crown in A games, included seven senior internationals

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Ireland were, however, never more dangerous than when apparently out for the count. Their best phase was the set

forte, and Topping, Henderson and Wallace could seldom be disregarded. But they could not achieve the fluency which, in brief spells. England discovered and which was best illustrated when Diprose, the captain, scored their fifth



Adebayo: try-scorer FOR THE RECORD

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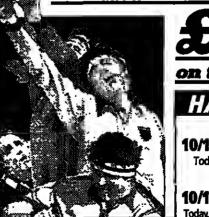
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Smirer (Gér) 7-5, 6-1; J. Wan Herox (pea) or Dewulf 6-3, 7-5.
INDIAN WELLS: Men's tournament: Second round: A Voines (Rom) bi T. Muster (Austina) 6-3, 7-5; A. Agassa (US) bi S. Schalken (Holf) 6-1, 4-6, 6-3; G. Mernsewic (Cro) by 3 Black (Zm.) 6-1, 6-3; J. Couner (US) bi T. Woodbridge (Aus) 6-3, 6-3; W. Fernstra (SA) bi M. Philippousses (Aus) 2-6, 7-6, 7-6; T. Martin (US) bi M. Woodforde (Aus) 6-4, 6-3; M. Rios (Chie) bi J. Stark (US) 7-6, 6-1, R. Furlan (II) bi A. Gaudero' (II) 7-6, 3-6, 6-2, M. Rios (Chie) bi J. Stark (US) 7-6, 6-1, Third round: G. Henssewic (Cro) bi J. Burflor (So) 6-3, 7-5, C. Costa (Sp) bit A. Costa (Sp) 6-3, 4-6, 6-1; P. Samprass (US) bit M. Joyce (US) 6-3, 6-4, Agassi bit Martin 7-6, 2-6, 7-6, M. Cheng (US) bi Boelsch-6-1, 6-3, Ferners bit Couner 6-4, 6-1; Ros bit Voines 6-3, 4-1, Tet; P. Haarhus-fhol) bit Furlan 6-3, 6-4. Women's tournament: Semi-finals: S. Gral (Ger) bit L. Devenport (US) 6-7, 7-6, 6-4.

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Briton buoyed by self-belief in attempt to retain world heavyweight crown

# Bruno presents Tyson with sizeable task

FROM SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT, IN LAS VEGAS

FRANK BRUNO might be the champion but the world at large is not interested in him. It is more interested in Mike Tyson. It wants to find out whether, like some kraken, he will awake and devour this Englishman when they meet tonight at the MGM Grand

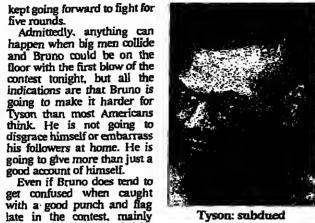
More should certainly be learnt about Tyson tonight than from his last two fights. Many Americans here believe that their man will demolish Bruno in a couple of rounds. Tyson is 3-1 to win in the first, despite having had only four rounds of boxing since his 312year absence from the ring and despite his new, most unkrakenlike demeanour. Indeed, he sometimes reminds ooe more of a dormouse as he sits hunched, saying in his squeaky voice that we are just human and we should conduct ourselves as such. Bruno is 25-1 to win in the first round.

The sports columnist of the Los Angeles Times, Jim Murray, one of the most respected observers of boxing, swipes Bruno out of contention with ridicule. "He has a chin of such pure Waterford Crystal, it gives rise to the adage that people who live in glass jaws should not throw punches. The biggest danger in fighting Bruno is you might get hit by flying glass . . . he has been on more canvases than Rembrandt. Maybe he just likes the view from down there.

The proposition is not whether Tyson can shatter the glass under Bruno's lip. The prevailing notion is any Italian tenor could do that with the high C from Madam Butterfly . . ," and so on, Great - but hardly well

Bruno has been on the canvas truly only twice and, as far as his jaw is concerned, it is far from being as delicate as Murray makes out. James "Bonecrusher" Smith, one of the hardest punchers in the game, had to hit Bruno at least 15 times in a disastrous last round before Bruno bowed to

A recent rerun of the first Tyson-Bruno contest seven years ago should have reminded Murray that Bruno took everything Tyson had to give for five rounds before going down. As one watched Tyson landing uppercut after uppercut, one winced and one wondered how long Bruno could keep going, and yet he



because he is over-muscled, he

in with someone like Bruno.

than a lot of challengers,"

Futch said. "Tyson has been

away from boxing for 312

years and there's no possible

way for any boxer to stay away

that long and still be the way

handlers use the right tactics,

they can have the jab setting

the punching room he needs.

his weight behind the jab."

14in

10in

"Bruno has a good jab. If his

he was at his best.

Bruno has a better chance

is in with a 50-50 chance.

Tyson: subdued

has a very good chance, because he has been active and Tyson hasn't." Like Futch, The more thoughtful boxing experts do not rule out Bruno's chances. Eddie Futch, Riddick Steward confirmed that Tyson was unhappy against big men, especially those that have grown in confidence. Bowe's trainer, thinks Tyson may have taken on Bruno too early. Futch would have given Tyson four or five easy non-title bouts before putting him

Tyson is living off his reput-ation. They still think he is the Tyson of the Eighties." Steward makes the important point that all "action men" such as Tyson, now 29, do not have long careers. They rely on youth for their aggression," Steward said. "He seems to have lost much of his confidence and desire. He may have taken this fight too early - of course, we'll find out

The advice of Steward, who up the ring and not give Tyson masterminded McCall's victory over Lewis, is Tyson always has trouble with big men, so Bruno should use for Bruno to prevent Tyson from making the first move by Emanuel Steward; Lennox putting the pressure on him. Lewis's trainer, said: "Bruno Before long, Steward believes,

HOW THEY MEASURE UP

FOREARM

more about that tonight."

Tyson will suffer from mental Bruno fails to take the fight to Tyson, Steward expects Tyson to win in the eighth round.

Lewis, speaking from New York, said that he believed the bout could go longer than five rounds. "It's a toss-up," Lewis said. His advice to Bruno Don't fall asleep on your feet, Frank." Lewis was referring to Bruno's tendency to go whalebone stiff when caught on the chin. "I don't mean to be funny," Lewis said. "That's serious advice. Frank is a good clubber and if he catches Tyson with one of those borderline blows to the back of the head, he could knock him out." However. Lewis believes that Tyson will win in the

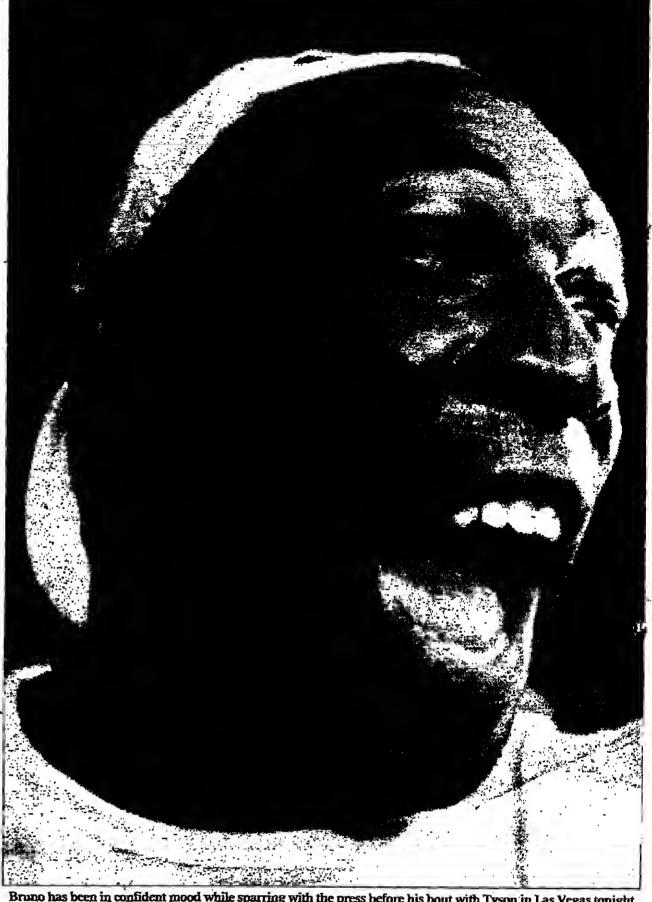
eighth round. Bruno's boxing, which has improved considerably, should help him dominate the early rounds. When he took the World Boxing Council oftle from McCall in August, Bruno showed an aggression. suppleness and maturity that did not exist in the old Bruno. Some of his hooks to the body were of the highest class. He has learnt to hold, before he gets hurt, and spoil after he gets caught. When 17st 7lb leans on Tyson, even the baddest man on the planet will

find it a little wearying.
It is Bruno's belief in himself that will carry him a long way in the fight. He is so confident that he believes he will not only beat Tyson, he will knock him out. He said: "I'm not only going to knock him out, I'm going to knock him into Don King's

Tyson has also shown a tendency to get caught up in spoiling tactics. As a result, he is thrown off his stride. He loses his fluency and speed, the two assets that set him apart. Without his speed, Tyson is just another heavyweight.

sharpness and does not always remember to duck these days. That improves Bruno's chances greatly. But since Bruno tends to tire after six rounds, I expect Tyson to move in quickly after that stage. If Bruno does not tire after the sixth, he has a good chance of winning.

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Bruno has been in confident mood while sparring with the press before his bout with Tyson in Las Vegas tonight

# Carling hopes for crowning glory

RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

A GENERATION of English players has come and gone since Will Carling assumed the England captaincy in 1988. Today, against Ireland at Twickenham in the final round of the five nations' championship, he lays it down with rugby union a changed sport and England's place in the game's global sphere mightily altered, too.
Whatever his playing vir-

tues, there is no question that Carling has become the image of the English game. As an individual he pays tribute to a series of strong, silent players - Peter Winterbottom, Mike Teague, Dean Richards who typify the English character, without whom English success in recent years could not have been assured, and whose company he has always a enjoyed. But rugby is now public property in a way it was not eight years ago, and Carling has become part of the TODAY'S TEAMS ATTEMICKENHAM

**ENGLAND** 

M J Catt (Beth)

J M Sleightholme (Bath)

J C Guscott (Bath)

M P Regan (Bristol)

B B Clarke (Bath)

J Leonard (Harlequins)

M O Johnson (Leicester)

G S Archer (Bristol/Army)

L B N Dallaglio (Wasps)

Referee: E Murray (Scotland)
REPLACEMENTS: 16 J E B Callard

(Bath), 17 P R de Glenville (Bath), 18 K P P Bracken (Bristol), 19 V E Ubogu (Bath), 20 R G R Dawe (Bath), 21 T A K Rodber

D Richards (Leicester)

\*W 0 C Carling (Harlequine)

R Underwood (Leicester/RAF)

M J S Dawson (Northamoton)

P J Grayson (Northampton)

G C Rowntree (Leicester)



shallow world of

tainment.

To that degree, rugby has been a lifeline for him, a base to which he has returned this season more successfully than ever at a time when England are going through a transidonal phase. Jason Leonard, his captain at Harlequins, describes Carling as the best he has played under, and believes that his playing powers could even improve.

Of the newcomers this season, one, Lawrence Dallaglio, is among the contenders to

IRELAND

N K P J Woods (Blackrock Coll)

\*N A Hogan (Terenure College)

P S Wallace (Blackrock College)

D S Corkery (Cork Constitution)

G M Fulcher (Cork Constitution)

V C P Costello (St Mary's College)

REPLACEMENTS: 16-M C McCall (Bangor), 17 P A Burke (Cork Constitution), 18 C Severimutto

(Sale), 19 P S Johns (Dungannon), 20 H D Hurley (Old Wesley), 21 T J

J W Davidson (Dungannon)

W D McBride (Malone)

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10 D G Humphreys (London Irish)

N J Popplewell (Newcastle)

A T H Clarke (Northampton)

15 SJP Mason (Orrell)

12 M J Field (Malone)

14 S P Geoghegan (Bath)

J C Bell (Northempton)

succeed Carling when, next season, the captaincy is addressed. "I think he's a fantastic captain," Dallaglio said. "His record speaks for itself. Anyone who can stay at the top for as long as he has deserves heaps of praise, and 1

Speculation about his own future leaves Dallaglio cold. Every England player this week, Carling included, has tried to focus on the Save and Prosper international with Ireland rather than the departure of one who has become an

don't think his record will ever

be beaten."

English institution. Ireland have upset England's applecant twice in the past three years. They may not win the championship, but they have a say in its destiny. Three countries may emerge top of the pile by tonight. Scotland wait to see whether they are overtaken on points difference by either England or, more likely, France.

A French victory in Cardiff this afternoon will almost certainly leave them champions for the first time since 1993. If Wales win, however, then victory for England will allow them to retain the title since their points difference is already better than Scotland's. Such calculations have been ignored by England, who, understandably, seek to ensure victory rather than the hatful of points that would allow them to challenge

France. Pat Whelan, the Ireland manager, has played the usual game of lauding England as one of the world's top four teams. In private, he will remind his players of their visit in 1994, when Simon Geoghegan's try ensured a 13-12 success, Remarkably, only eight players remain from that game, four on each side, which emphasises the

RESULTS: France 15 England 12, Ireland 10 Scotland 16, England 21 Wales 15, Scotland 19 France 14; France 45 Ireland 10, Wales 14 Scotland 18; Ireland 30 Wales 17, Scotland 9 England 18. TODAY: England v Ireland (Twickenham) Wales v France (Cardiff Arms Park).

watershed that World Cups now provide.

The pivotal area of the rival eams seems well matched. Niall Hogan, the Ireland captain, has the experience of the World Cup last summer to fall back on, whereas Matthew Dawson's international career began only this season. His Northampton partner, Paul Grayson, will be keen to avoid the inexplicable collapse of his kicking form during En-gland's last game at Twickenham, against Wales, whereas

appearance there. That was the University

match last year when, despite Oxford's defeat, Humphreys dominated the game and the scoring. His well-organised approach paved the way for his entry to the international arena, and Dallaglio will do well to keep as close an eye upon him as he did on Gregor Townsend at Murrayfield a

fortnight ago.

Amid all the clamour for expansive rugby. Twicken-ham's 75,000 will see some of the sport's eternal verides today: a fired-up lrish team, no respecter of person and certainly not of Carling's last stand, and England seeking the solid ground which is their prerequisite to success. While this has been Ireland's week at Cheltenham, and tomorrow is St Patrick's Day, today should belong to England.

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#### Megson's fury at double sale

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

NORWICH City were plunged back into a state of plunged back into a state of turmoil last night after the sale of two leading players in one day. Ashley Ward, the forward, joined Derby Coun-ty for a fee of £1 million and Jon Newsome, the central defender, signed for Sheffield Wednesday for £1.6 million.

They became the latest names in a long list of departures from Carrow Road, and the deals prompted Gary Megson, the manager, to openly criticise Robert Chase, the chairman.

Megson said he was "flabbergasted and furious" with Chase for agreeing to the transfers as his team struggle in the Endsleigh Insurance League first division. "I didn't sanction the moves

and I am not party to either transfer." Megson said. "Every team below us is doing its atmost to ensure its survival. We are getting no help from the boardroom, and we don't expect them to be a hindrance." Chase, who has been heavi-

ly criticised by supporters. said they had agreed to sell the players to help to clear a £4.5 million debt to the bank. "May I make it quite clear that Gary and I are disappointed that two players will be leaving." he said.

Duncan Ferguson, the Eventon forward, will miss the FA Carling Premiership

meeting with Leeds United tomorrow with a groin injury, and may be omitted from the Scotland squad for the international against Australia on Wednesday week.

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# Kabul battle spawns poetry and poverty

faltered as the incoming rocket fire crashed around the isolated government-held outpost, a shell-shattered hotel perched on a hilltop south of Kabul.

Cross-legged, his hands clasped before him, he closed his eyes, raising his incantations so that he could be heard above the chorus of the Taleban enemy fire. Sweat broke out on his brow with the effort of concentration: The Kafr [unbelievers] walk

into our valleys Yet they shall never return For holy warriors shall kill

The invaders of our homes. Beside him a 16-year-old fighter, son of a shahid (mar-tyr) killed fighting the Russians ten years ago, accompanied his singing on a one-string dambura made from an oil can and a plank. The artillery exchange worsened, rockets blasting around the outpost, mortars retaliating in single thumps.

One young soldier in



Anthony Loyd reports from the Afghan capital, wrecked by 17 years of conflict that have left more than a million dead

straighten them before firing. For a heart-stopping moment he shook the tube angrily when the round became stuck inside. Miraculously, the shell into the Taleban positions in the snow-swept valley

Apparently bored by their lack of direct participation in the fighting, another group of bearded Mujahidin loosed off an anti-aircraft gun at nothing in particular, roaring with laughter at the others who jumped with surprise.

A bloody ember of the Cold War, Afghanistan's conflict has left more than a million dead in 17 years of fighting. another five million refugees, the lowest life expectancy in and women), the second highest infant mortality rate. up to

ley, village and city alike (there are an estimated 600,000 mines in Kabul alone), random rocket attacks and breathtaking poverty.

Although beaten back last

year from their furthest advances into Kabul, Taleban, a largely Pathan force of selfstyled Islamic purists from the south of the fractured repub-lic, still hold a belt of hills to the south of the city overlooking the suburbs. From there they continue to undermine their claim to be a neutral force for devout Islamists by

firing rockets into the city centre almost daily. The willing or faithful can visit the front in a 20-minute ride by decrepit taxi, yet it is the city itself that epitomises the Afghan plight. South, west, east and north, whole city quarters are little more than rubble from blasted con-

Thousands of the displaced and dispossessed live in the ruins, crammed together at night on blankers in any room suggesting a semblance of shelter, while children run like mice through the wreckage on new walkways of collapsed floors and toppied masonry. It is truly an awasome achievement of destruction.

Although the present energy of the conflict focuses on the action between President Rabbani's government forces and the Taleban, two other players. General Abdul Ra-shid Dostum in the north and Gulbuddin Hekmatyar to the east, hold swaths of territory containing trade routes essential to the economic survival of the country. At present, they maintain little more than unsigned ceasefires with the government forces, leaving the people of Kabul in hungry limbo until the next alliance improves or worsens their

"Shahid is the heart of the story", grafitti proclaim on a billboard in the centre of the city. It is the Afghans' faith



One of a group of Taleban fighters in the hills above Kabul aims a rocket-propelled grenade launcher

that sustains them. In the torn, brown streets below the ruins of British hill forts, the people of the capital jostle for the limited selection of goods in the city bazzar: Mujahidin warriors, mullahs, traders, money changers, women and an abundance of beggars.

ly wage of 120,000 Afghanis (£11.80). The economy has disintegrated, there is no national export or industry, nor indeed running water or electricity in the capital.

work have an average month-

Crippled by shrapnel from a a rocket two years ago. Mu-hammad Osman. 60, who lives with 13 dependent family members in a tank-blasted block of flats in the east of the capital, closed his eyes against smoke blown from the fire around which his daughters huddled on a bare concrete floor. "The war made me a beggar," he said. "Now we can eat only if I beg enough."

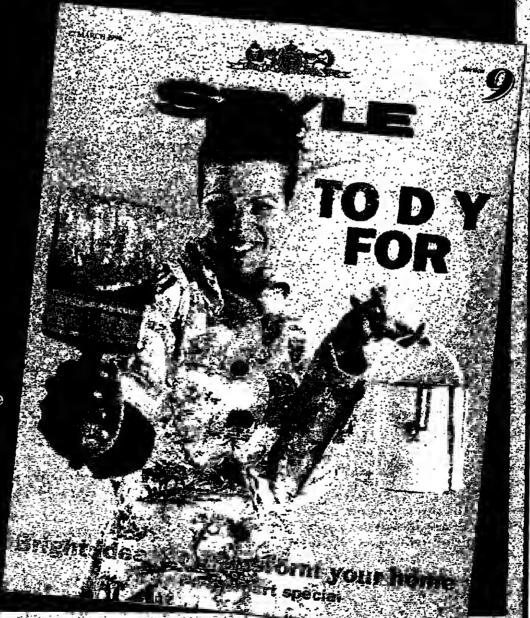
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# The Last Old Devil

At lunch, by my count, he had two black velvets, two or three Macallans, a glass or two of white wine, then the same of red, followed by two glasses of a dessert white wine and a large Grand Marnier?

Tomorrow, The Sunday Times begins exclusive serialisation of the Amis Diaries, the controversial journals kept by Sir Kingsley Amis's biographer, Eric Jacobs, which have led to a feud with the Amis family. They throw an unprecedented and intimate light on the late, great thunderer of English letters as he relaxes, portificates, reminisces and tries to fend off. the gloom of old age before his eventual decline and death

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# Sudanese children sold as slaves, say Christian groups

FROM SAM KILEY IN KHARTOUM

THOUSANDS of southern Sudanese children, captured by northern Arabs in Sudan's long running civil war, have been sold into slavery or forced to convert to Islam. according to clandestine Christian groups working for their release.

According to documents obtained by The Times, and interviews with victims of slavery, the practice has been quietly condoned by the Is-

lamie regime in Khartoum. Most of the slave children come from the Dinka, Nuer and Shilluk tribes, nomadic pastoralists who have been traded for centuries as slaves by their porthern neighbours. But since the Khartoum regime armed ethnic Arab Kordofan and Darfur, the practice of slavery has inreased dramatically. The Nuba from central Sudan and the Toposa from the remote south close to Kenya have also fallen victim to the trade

in buman beings. Using a network of undercover Dinka ehicfs posing as labourers in Kordofan and neighbouring Darfur provinces, the church groups have managed to smuggle 1,000 children away from their owners" and reunited them

with their parerts. The undercover agents against slavery said that they estimated at least 3.000 oher children remain to be recased.

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The slavery is obviously racially based Black people are considered slaves by this regime, whatever its claims to adhere to the Coran's teachings on the equality of men." said a cleric behind the antislavery operation.

Testimony from southerners in Juba, clos to the border with Uganda, shows that while cargoes of arms head south as part of Khartoum's war efforts, barjes and planes return to the rorth carrying children. Those like "Sarah". taken by officers, end up as unpaid domestic workers.

she said. "I lok after the officer's children, and they feed me every day." Others have been found in Wad-el-Hanan village 200 miles southeast of the capital. They are well fed, taught the Koran, but drained of spint of blood each week which is then sent to the front line.

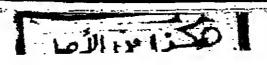
The older children, undercover operator said, were given weapons training and sent to fight igainst their Christian and mimist tribes-



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# Bruno supporters bring terrace culture to Nevada as doubts are cast over Tyson training regime

Sing along with Frank

pens to Frank Bruno this evening in Las Vegas, it will be a historic night for British performers

entrance to the

world's largest hotel, where the Bruno-Tyson world heavyweight

equally enormous photograph of his fellow thespian. Michael

Crawford, the star of the hotel's

Most hotels were offering odds

of 7-1 against a Bruno victory but

there is little doubt that 5,000

extravagant Britons will shout themselves hoarse until he or his

LAS VEGAS FILE by GILES One hundred and WHITTELL fifty feet above the

opponent drops. The British contingent certainly enlivened Thursday's final weigh-in. As Tyson mounted the scales in something fight is to be held, a huge close-up of Britain's great hope looks down on the city of lights next to an resembling a nappy, his scant local support was drowned by British booing and one defiant

shout of "Tyson is a rapist".

The world's boxing press stood by in bemusement as Bruno stripped to his swimming trunks and the lads from the Bull's Head at Gomersal, near Leeds, let rip with There's only one Frankie

Bruno", sung to the tune of Walking In A Winter Wonderland. Don King, the promoter with the electric-look hairstyle, then stepped the two gladiators whose bout will

earn him unspecified millions of dollars whatever its outcome. "He's got a coconut on his head," the Gomersal chorus chanted helpfully, adding "Get yourself a haircut for the lads" to the strains of He's Got The Whole World In His Hands World In His Hands. They have come on their own

and in groups, with and without

tickets. But Britain's latest ambassadors to Las Vegas appear to share two things: a conviction that they will witness sporting history - via closed circuit TV at \$50 (£32) a head if not inside the arena and a faint hope of winning back the cost of their trips in the casinos.

Martin Horsey and Mehmet Mazioum, both City traders, have \$1,000 ringside seats but no particular allegiance. "We're here for the fight," Mr Horsey said. "People say it's a lot of money to see a boxing match, but Tyson is the biggest draw of his generation.



Frank Bruno's wife, Laura, joins British fans at the weigh-in in Las Vegas. She and her two eldest daughters arrived for the fight from which Bruno, win or lose, will make £4 million

Besides, with any luck we'll get it all back on the tables.

Officials are relaxed about the possibility of rowdy fans on the loose among the slot machines and cocktail bars of the hotel's sevenand-a-half acre casino. Neither police nor British consular staff have made contingency plans.

Indeed, one police official said she was unaware of British sports fans' reputation for getting out of

One spectator will be hoping for minimal violence even inside the ring. Laura Bruno, the boxer's wife, is in Las Vegas with their two older daughters. Nicola and Rachel, "to give Frank the support he needs", she said. Whatever the richer than he was this morning.

and well-placed for auditions. Fallen idol, page 20 Bruno portrait, page 46 Fight preview, page 48

### Gym slips trouble old guard

IN THE couotdown to the big fight, the veteran trainer Johnny Tocco has become unofficial spokesman for this city's bravest minority - its Tyson-doubters.

The octogenarian Mr Tocco, whose sweat-soaked Las Vegas gym bas nurtured such hulking legends as Sonny Liston and Tyson himself, told The Times this week that "something's wrong" with the challenger for him to have deserted to a rival gym whose distractions include "women with their busts sticking out".

Mr Tocco, at 87, is unlikely to give a warm welcome to the late addition to tonight's fight card. Io what is billed as a special attrac-tion, America's top female boxer will take on treland's Deidre

Christy Martin, of Bluefield, West Virginia, has an impressive record. with 34 wins and 25 knockouts in 38 bouts. Ms Gogarty boasts only nine KO's, but has the grim consolation of help from her family should the fight turn bloody. Both her parents are dentists.

# Punch ends actor's party

THE list of celebrities expected at tonight's pre and post-fight parties includes George Michael. Boris Becker, Kevin Costner, Ed-

die Murphy and Jack Nicholson. It does not include the actor Alec Baldwin, however. He is otherwise engaged, preparing his

defence for his forthcoming trial on charges of assaulting a photographer. A keen nmateur pugilist, he does not deny the charge but claims his privacy was being violated. The actor ruled out taking on Mr Tyson. "I'd probably



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The biggest name in rhythm and blues? Not vet, but Mark Morrison is working on it

#### **GREAT BRITISH HOPES**

Rising stars in the arts firmament

MARK MORRISON

Profession: R'n' B singer.

Age: 23. Where can he be heard? A single, Return of the Mack. has just been released on the Warner Brothers label. while a debut album follows on April 15. But the clubland cognoscenti will already be well aware of him, thanks to two independently released tracks, Crazy and Let's Get Down.

What is his background? Though born in West Germany, where his father was serving with the Briosh Army, he spent his first !! vears in Leicester. The fam-

ily then moved to Florida, where he lived unol he was 17. The then-New Wave of British R 'n' B acts - Soul II Soul, Mica Paris, Lisa Stansfield, the Chimes - caught his attention. "They made me homesick for England."

What happened next? A short holiday in Britain turned into a full-scale repatriation, and his assault on the music industry began. July 2, 1994, turned out to be a pivotal night: "I was performing in this club in Manchester, and the crew was videoing the show simply for my own information. But then the girls went wild . . "The resultant footage was enough to secure him a Warners deal.

What difference has that American sojourn made to his attitude? "I found them to be very ambirious, hungry people, who will try anything to achieve success. I guess some of that American spirit rubbed off on me. You need that energy to kick-start a career."

What can we expect from the album? "A little hip-hop, some swingbeat, some blues, jazz and funk. Rather than fuse all the elements, I like to try a little of something different on every track.

Is he ready for stardom? "It's going to be a lot to deal with, because people want you to be that character from the video, not just on stage but in everyday life."

ALAN JACKSON

# Lights, camera, London

David

Robinson celebrates a century of the capital on celluloid

ondon first went on film 101 years ago this month, when Robert Paul and Birt Acres filmed the I895 Boat Race. From next week an exhibition of photographs and docu-London celebrates the capital's special relationship with the movies in the turbulent centu-ry that followed.

The exhibition is presented in collaboration with the National Film Archive, whose great collections of London, films have been combed for the most telling images, frozen

moments of London life. Some of it seems impossibly remote. Visitors to Earls Court in 1910, stately in their long skirts and straw boaters. career recklessly on mechanical horses. An Edwardian errand boy slakes his thirst from a rin cup chained to the Eros fountain in Piccadilly Circus. Films record how Londoners travelled before the First World War, in the days of horse-drawn traffic, and in the 1930s - when it seemed that the sun always shone on the buses in the streets, while



The Big Smoke, Hollywood style: Julie Andrews floats over a studio recreation of Westminster in Mary Poppins

underground the escalators

always worked. Feature films no less than documentaries offer a vivid record of ways of life, dress and speech. Love on Wheelswas shot after hours in Selfridges in 1932. Carol Reed's Bank Holiday shows how Londoners spent their spare Art directors have always been driven to skilful subtertime in prewar days. From 1950, Seven Days to Noon still shows a prosperous, busy dockland, where by 1980 and The Long Good Friday there

fuge in putting London on film. The exhibition shows Hyde Park Corner rebuilt on the Sheppertoo backlot and the Lord Mayor's Show restaged at Northolt. Passport to Pimlico was shot in Lambeth, while Richard Attenborough's Chaplin remade Charlie's Lambeth boyhood beside the

King's Cross gasometers.

The exhibition also commemorates those fantasy Londons created in Hollywood, from Top Hat and My Fair Lady to Mary Poppins, London itself can be versatile too: the Royal Docks became Viemam for Stanley Kubrick's Full Metal Jacket.

London has been a centre of production ever since 1896. when Robert Paul set up a makeshift stage on the roof of the Alhambra Music Hall (on the site of the present Odeon, Leicester Square) to film a oneminute drama. The Soldier's

A map in the exhibition catalogue locates no fewer than 17 major studios (and there were countless others) all northwest of the river where, it was vainly hoped, the prevailing winds would keep them free of the industrial smog drifting from London. Sites

were chosen within easy reach of the West End: British filmmakers traditionally drew their actors from the stage, mistrusting Hollywood's en-thusiasm for recruiting waitresses, cow-punchers and other non-professional talent.

Not until the 1930s were studios purpose-built; in the early days they might be adapted from power stations, dance halls, rollerskating rinks and disused First World War aircraft hangars.

The proximity to London

meant that space was at a premium. Colin Sorensen, who conceived the Museum of London exhibition. : says, "Hirchcock's English thrillers were praised for their clausrrophobia; but it was hardly a matter of choice. Working in the cramped conditions of Islington Studios gave him no alternative. The shoot-out from the train at the end of The Lady Vanishes, for example, is done against a backdrop with a few bushes and artificial grass."

The exhibition is very much a one-man creation, fulfilling a long-standing ambition for Sorensen, who is keeper emeritus of the museum and one of the great professional Londoners. Sparky, bearded and avuncular, he looks, appropri-

ately enough, very like the older Dickens. He graduated from the Royal College of Art and always means to go back to his first passion, painting.

Twenty-five years ago, however, he became a leading member of the team that created the new Museum of London, inventing "installation art" long before the term itself was coined.

As keeper of the modern department, which embraced the 19th and 20th centuries. Sorensen became the terror of demolioon men turning up with a lorry wherever a theatre, film studio or monument was threatened, to snatch any relics of old London. We owe to him the survival of architectural souvenirs of Evans's music hall, the original bronze sculptured lifts from Sel-fridges and the doors of Astley's Amphitheatre — a ric of carved horses, which for 100 years had served as the gales of a builder's yard before Sorensen spotted them.

He admits it was an uphill battle to convince traditionalists about the place of films in a museum; but lo years ago, in collaboracion with the National Film Archive, helaunched the regular series of Monday night film screenings Made in London, which have continued ever since.

Sorensen also perceives the importance of collecting living witnesses as well as inanimale objects. The book that accompanies London on Film includes interviews with 83-yearold producer-director John Boulting, and two 88-year-olds, Ealing producer Sidney Cole and Ernie Diamond, the studio carpenter who built the Titlield Thunderbolt and whose memories go back to silent cinema days.

Sorensen himself has an endless stream of meniories, facts and the connections that link film, music-hall and the architectural and social hist-tage of London through the centuries. This week he was bubbling over after interviewing Harry Fowler for television, on the spot where 50 years ago the then-juvenile "He told me how in 1934, at the age of eight, he appeared in a talent show at the old Canterbury music-hall, and he still remembers the smell from Price's candleworks, which had stood next door ever since Charles Morton built the theatre in 1851. How's that for London continuity?"

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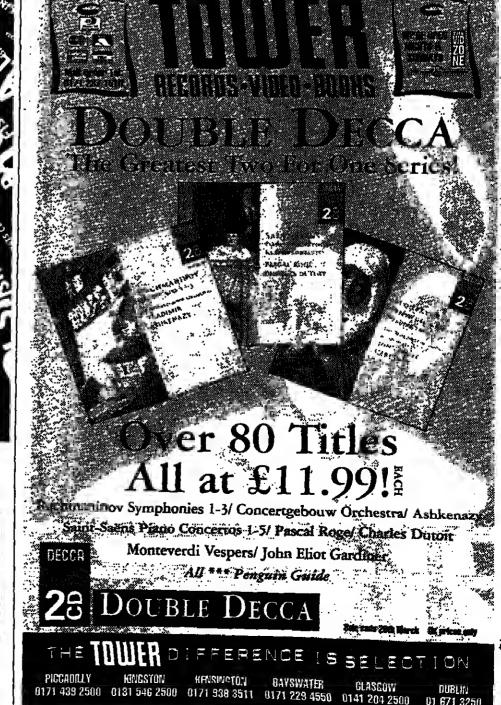
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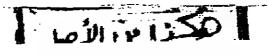
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Does the screen violence of films like Reservoir Dogs have any effect on the way we live?



**■ THEATRE** 

After the cult success of its film version, Trainspotting returns to the London stage

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ON MONDAY

Not the Wimbledon Poisoner: author **Nigel Williams** 



RECORDS

Vintage Joan Sutherland on

onfronted with incomprehensible evil, some commentators seem capable of pinpointing probable causes with remarkable assurance. What happened in Dunblane may never be understood. Yet several of Britain's most senior journalists swiftly decided that they could identify at least one demon inside Thomas Hamilton's head. Its name, they

Max Hastings, Editor of the London Evening Stondord, made his connection that very afternoon. He feared that "our intensely violent screen culture" encourages "those of unstable mind". William Rees-Mogg wrote similarly in TheTimes: "The people who make the most violent films, and broadcast them, must examine their consciences, to ask whether such films have reinforced the sick fantasies which may end in killing." In The Doily Telegraph Allan Massie went further: "Never in the history of mankind have so many people had such immediate access to images of violence with which to



prepares for the premieres of two new plays

film, and reviews of other new CDs and videos: Weekend, page 7

suggested, was Hollywood.

Who supports violent films now? corrupt their imagination." After an atrocity, people clutch at any straw of comfort. Why

ing? Because it is at least a tangible subject that we might "do some-thing about". And it gives us someone to rage against, when the obvious candidate is dead. But is film violence a justifiable scapegoat? Linking real violence to Oliver Stone's Natural Born Killers or Quentin Tarantino's Reservoir Dogs (two films often cited for unrelenting gore) may seem like the sort of glib non sequitur

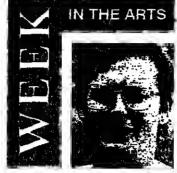
should the widespread distribu-

tion of violent movies be comfort-

knocked out by journalists under pressure. In the past three days, however. I have heard the conjecture spoken too often by ordinary. thoughtful people for it to be easily dismissed. There is now widespread disgust at the grotesque levels of violence that are routine in mainstream films. It is a disgust aimed not only at film-makers, but at ourselves, too. We flock to see such films, and our ticket money pays for the next one.

Our disgust may be intensified by furtive behaviour such as Warner Brothers' this week. Warners were due to release the video of Notural Born Killers this month. It is a film about a couple who spend a fortnight gunning down people at random. Last Wednesday, a few hours after Dunblane, Warner executives in Los Angeles decided that it would not be "appropriate" for the video to be released in Britain at present.

The timing seemed both shameful and shameless, if that is possible. As the MP David Alton commented: "If the film is not appropriate because of this horrific incident, it is not appropriate at any time." Indeed, Warners' action



RICHARD MORRISON

was reminiscent of Stanley inspired copycat rapes.

Kubrick's belated decision to withdraw his Clockwork Orange when he became convinced that it had renewal of the debate between suppressors and liberals about screen violence. The arguments will be familiar. The suppressors will point to copycat crimes and to a general moral malaise brought about when films portray violence as thrilling and even (in the case of Tarantino and disciples) amusing. They have a point. There is no more chilling experience in modern entertainment than sitting in a cinema surrounded by under-age teenagers laughing at the chic

killings in Pulp Fiction. The suppressors may accept that the shock of violence is sometimes a legitimate dramatic device think of King Lear — but will argue that today's films present violence gratuitously. Hollywood, they will say, has become adept at finding weaselly justifications for ghastly spectacles: just listen to Kathryn Bigelow's disingenuous

violence in her Strange Days; or recall the self-righteous bluster offered by The Accused's producers for its graphic multiple-rape.

ow will the liberals reply? They will point on the evidence linking films to behaviour is much disputed. Grotesone acts of violence were not unknown before film was invented. They will argue that censorship is a blunt weapon. Perhaps we might all agree to ban Reservoir Dogs. But what of Clint Eastwood's Dirty Harry movies. or John Wayne's westerns? Don't

they also glorify "gun culture"? The liberals will also say that attempts at suppression usually prove counter-productive. Moral guardians kick up so much fuss about violent movies that the films' delighted publicists barely need to

raid their own advertising budgets. Moreover, the kind of images that are suppressed from high street cinemas inevitably slip in. uncensored, via backstreet porn shops or the new electronic media that are practically unpoliceable.

This week, I suspect, most of us would side with the suppressors. We would willingly burn every violent book, film and magazine that we could lay our hands on if we felt that we might be stopping another madman from ripping over the edge. But when the anger subsides. a liberal pragmatism will return. Very little will change.

do not pretend to know what part, if any, screen violence plays in the minds of deranged killers. But I do wonder why it exerts such a hold on brilliant young filmmakers: people who, if they chose, could use their talents and global reach to enrich the human spirit instead of degrading it. Is their morbid nihilism genuine? Is it a fashion accessory? Or is it just the quickest way to make a buck in Hollywood these days?

# Mainline to misery

ust in case anybody thinks that the Whitehall has suddenly become a cinema, or that Irvine Welsh is reading extracts from his original novel in the stalls, this is advertised as Trainsporting — the ploy. And a mesmerisingly mad. bad, dangerous-to-know play it is. Seeing it is like being asked to squelch barefoot through every bodily fluid known to man.

THEATRE

**Trainspotting** Whitehall

"Er. I suppose the second half is much like the first?" a tweedy old gentieman asked me in the interval, "We're wondering if it's really aimed at our age group." He was right on both counts, and left with his wife 20 minutes later, theatregoing classes when it hit W12 a year ago, nor will it no doubt cursing a play-title now in SW1. deceptively reminiscent of happy boyhood days record-

ing the numbers of puffers at

King's Cross. Yet his exit was

an isolated one. The canned

version of Welsh's portrait of

low-life at the northern end of

the East Coast line may have

caused moral distress to some

movie pundits; but the play

did not noticeably upset the

Why? You can hardly call us more jaded, for Sarah Kane recently caused an almighty kerfuffle with ber Blasted, in which a soldier raped a man, sucked out his eyes and swallowed them. But it may take more to shock theatre people and, dare I claim, we may be more experienced at distinguishing the moral from the Immoral. Shakespeare had plenty of sympathy for Bardolph, Pistol and Nym, but he was hardly advocating stealing or drunkenness. For all the Elizabethan exuberance of their Edinburgh characters, Welsh and his adaptor-director, Harry Gibson, do not aim to turn their audiences into

junkies either. On the contrary, the needle clearly brings deep misery as well as transitory joy. Streetwise Mark introduces his friend Tommy to heroin, only affable wimp into a spectre. And maybe it is not so terrible that Alison's baby dies a cotdeath while she is shooting up next door. At least it will save the kid from slow destruction by the Aids virus. Again, what s so glamorous about lolling in dirty rooms, or vomiting up your fast food, or scrabbling among facces because you have accidentally excreted

your opium suppositories? Welsh's introduction to the play - an odd mix of Spartist paranoia and sentimental millennialism — suggests that capitalism and "bourgeois cultural fascism" have perverted the energies of a generation. That is short-sighted, for anyone who has read Auld Reckie's history will know that it has always been violent and riotous. But it does not hugely matter, since Welsh's artistry gets the better of his dogma. and he leaves us with a vital, vivid picture of youth that, helped by drugs, joblessness and its own confusions, has succumbed to nihilism and a wild self-destructiveness.

Gavin Marshall and Michelle Gomez catch the anger and turbulence as strongly as their prototypes at the Bush last March; but Paul Ireland's Mark lacks the sly, sardonic quality that Ewen Bremner brought to the role. He becomes monotonous in a flailing, feverish sort of way. That Strong medicine: Gavin Marshall and Michelle Gomez in Irving Welsh's "mesmerising, mad and dangerous-toknow" Trainspotting — "it is like being asked to squelch barefoot through every bodily fluid known to man"

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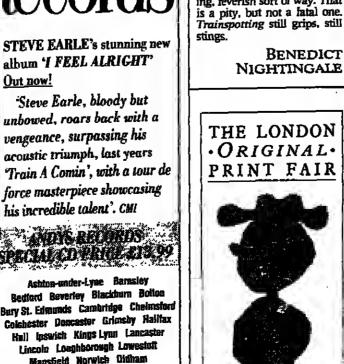
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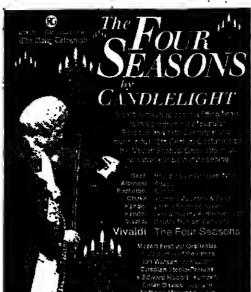
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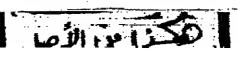
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#### BASE NOTES

A CHANGE has been anoounced to the creative team behind Martin Guerre, the new £3.5 million musical which opens in the West End on June 18. It has a new lyricist in the person of Edward Hardy, the young founder of the Mercury Workshop for new composers. Hardy replaces the originally announced co-lyricist team of Herbert Kretzmer and Alain Boublil, though Boublil retains co-authorship credit on the book and Kretzmer will be credited for "additional material". No change to the score: it's still by Claude-Michel Schonberg, of Miss Saigon and Les Miserables fame.

MEANWHILE, casting has been confirmed for Martin Guerre. The RSC actor lain Glen will star as Arnaud; it will be his first West End musical. And Juliette Caton, who made her stage debut at the age of 11 as the original Eponine in Les Miserables at the Barbican in 1985, is Bertrande.

AND speaking of Les Miserables, the tenth anniversary gala concert performance, which took place last October at the Albert Hall, is being released as a video on Monday. The concert performance stars the original "Jean Valjean" Colm Wilkinson leading a company of 250 artists and 100 musicians of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. The finale features "Jean Valjeans" from all over the world singing in their native languages. That should be an impressive display: Les Misérables has had more than 30 productions.

THE many talents of the late Derek Jarman are the subject of a forthcoming season at the Barbican Centre. The first major retrospective of his life and work will "consider the diversity and impact of his career as an artist, filmmaker, stage designer, writer, gardener and influential figin gay politics". The exhibition in the Barbican Art Gallery (May 9-Aug 18) fea-tures more than 200 works. including paintings, theatre designs, photographs and his Super 8 films. A complementary celebration of his film work is being presented by the Barbican Cinema (May 11-26). Jarman died in 1994.

ANOTHER British orchestra has picked a top instrumentalist as its musical adviser. The Ulster Orchestra has anturned-conductor Dmitry Shkovetsky is to be its principal conductor and artistic adviser for the next three years. The Northern Sinfonia already has Heinrich Schiff, the distinguished cellist, as its musical head. The Soviet-born Sitkovetsky has held the post of artistic director of the Seattle International Music Festival since 1993. He takes over in Belfast next season.

Choreographer Michael Corder tells Allen Robertson about his big home debut

# Exiled prince has a ball

he London premiere of a full-length ballet is the sort of event that gives choreogra-phers sleepless nights. A defining moment for anyone, it is of special significance to Michael Corder, His Cinderella, which arrives at the Coliseum on March 25, will be the first of his three-act ballets to be seen in his home town.

His Cinderella has proved a money-spinner on the road (it opened in Southampton last month to queues at the box office). The English National Ballet management is so convinced it has a hit on its hands that Cinderella has been scheduled for two Londoo seasons: it will be seen again in June at the Festival Hall. The 41-year-old Corder was

once a shining hope at Covent Garden. But nearly a decade ago, when his golden-boy stature suddenly seemed to tar-nish, he abandoned England for a job with the Royal Danish Ballet. It has been a long haul to get himself back on to the London dance map. Corder joined the Royal Ballet when he was 17, by

which time he had already started making his own dances, in 1982 his third commission from the Royal, L'Invitation au Voyage, won him his first Olivier Award nomination. His Wand of Youth was devised for Sadler's Wells (now Birmingham) Royal Ballet, ft led to a second Olivier nomination.

But not everything went so smoothly for Corder. In 1985 he collaborated with the painter Helen Frankenthaler on Number Three, another commission for the Opera House. ft ended in hackstage chaos when Corder and Frankenthaler clashed over her costume designs. "Suddenly", Corder says, "lawyers got involved and, in the words of Dawn French, it all went horribly, horribly wrong."

A last-minute compromise were replaced, but for only half of the performances. Corder's was a pyrrhic victory, as he now admits. "I was impulsive, ft was the arrogance of youth. And the minute you do something like that you are branded as 'difficult'. What I think it comes down to is that I have never been a 'Yes, sir, no sir, three bags full, sir' person. That caused a lot of friction. So who was left to be the scapegoat?

The two years he spent in Copenhagen led to more trauma. No sooner had he arrived in Denmark than he found himself on the operating table. He spent a full year recuperating from the surgery to repair an Achilles tendon. "It was a

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Corder: "I have never been a 'Yes, sir, no sir' person"

says. "I wasn't sure I was ever going to dance again, I'd lost my confidence completely as a choreographer. I had to start from scratch." Only now, he believes, is he really starting to reap the benefits of the many hours he spent alone in his Copenhagen flat, lying on the sofa listening to music. A favourite choice for the turntawas Prokofiev's

Although Corder eventually did get back on the stage, it is his talent as a choreographer that has proved to be his trump suit. Over the past few years he has worked as a Ireelance artist around the world, from Japan to Brussels and Seville. "It has been wonderful, and I've learnt a

Cinderella.

career I should be a resident choreographer working in depth with one group of dancers. To be honest, I would rather be doing that than travelling round the world living out of a suitcase." So, at last, Corder has come

back home to work with ENB. "About 18 months ago," Corder says, "I went to see Derek [Deane, ENB's artistic director and an old dancing mate from his Royal Ballet days] to see if he might be interested in doing any of my work. He offered me Cinderella right then and there. I was absolutely gobsmacked

and, needless to say, delighted. "I have never found any company, bar none, that works as hard," he adds.

since he took over ENB, Derek has done a brilliant job. He has raised the standard of dancing and of discipline unrecognisably. So, now there is a very healthy, creative atmosphere there.

Corder did his first three-act ballet, a Romeo and Juliet for Oslo, in 1992. A triumph, it has remained in the

company's repertory ever since. Even so, some of the British ballet establishment have lamented the fact that it is too close to the Royal's own version by Kenneth MacMillan, Cor der has gone out of his way to make certain

that his new Cinderella is as far away as you can get from Frederick Ash-ton's much-loved production for the Royal Ballet.

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"It is like doing something with the sword of Damocles hanging over your head," he says. "But I didn't see the point of doing a duplicate production. And the truth is that my Cinderella has nothing to do with the English pantomime tradition, f believe that as soon as the Stepsisters are performed by men in drag you take away the seriousness of the piece. OK, I understand why people in this country do it as a pantomime, but Prokoffev had nothing whatsoever to do with that tradition. What I

went after is a musical interpre-6 I lost my tation as near to Prokofiev as confidence possible. "You see, the completely. only reason ever danced or choreographed is I had to music. Every sinstart from gle thing — the image, the ideas,

the structure and

the steps that I

chorcograph comes from the music. I studied piano while I was in the Royal Ballet School, so I can read music, and for me composers are the highest. If I came back in a different life, I would like to be a .composer. But not a mediocre one, only a labulous one."

Cinderella opens at the Coli-seum, London WC2 10171-632 8300) on March 25

# Delta lady with her torch aflame

SHE light-heartedly discourages the use of the dreaded Gword, but the startling truth is that Rita Coolidge is due to become a grandmother in thecoming months. For anyone who whiled away the 1970s listening to that laid-back bestseller Anytime. Anywhere. the news will prompt all sorts of morbid thoughts.

Never an easy singer to pin down, she established her reputation as a performer who mixed pop with a dash of country, blues and soul. A non-person as far as today's major labels are concerned, she has arrived at the Cafe Royal in the guise of a poised interpreter of torch songs, opening her set with The Man Love and, on Black Coffee, paying tribute to one of her early idols, Peggy Lee.

The transition to moody chanteuse has not been as abrupt as it might seem. Many moons ago, she recorded a set of jazz standards in the company of Barbara Carroll. The tracks were not released at the time, but they will finally surface on a new collection, entitled Out of the Blues, due to be released here

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Rita Coolidge Café Royal

At the Green Room, Coolidge appears in a minimalist format, accompanied by the duo of Tim Veazey and Martin Cohen. Still nervous perhaps in this new, exposed setting, she took few risks with the standards, and the arrangements lacked the harmonic and rhythmic variety that bona fide jazz players would

have brought to them. The heart-on-sleeve sincerity of the vocals - every bit as pure as they were two decades ago — made up lor that shortcoming. Coolidge and her musicians seemed at their most comfortable when the tempo was raised a peg or two on Hallelujah. I Love Her So and the funky The Way You Do the Things You Do. With the audience supplying fingersnaps on Peggy Lee's Fever, the absence of a drummer

CLIVE DAVIS

# Wasted journey

THERE is a piano, played by Andrew Ball, and the tenor Martyn Hill stands next to it and sings. But there any resemblance to a song recital ends. Ladders and bits of scenery lean at the back of the stage. Bare lightbulbs hang from the flies. Scaffolding and sheets form a small, square booth to one side. A film projector points towards the

audience. It may look like an accident in a scencry store, but Hans-Peter Choos's staged version of Schubert's Winterreise has intriguing arristic credentials. It marks the Brinsh debut of Paris's Opera Comique: the lighting designer, Jean Kalman, is a long-time associate of Peter Brook's; the setting is the work of the French arrist Christian Boltanski.

But why stage the cycle in the first place? Schubert's songs, dramatic masterpieces in miniature, need no scenic embellishment: Winterreise, with its compelling and wholly interior drama, needs it least of all.

Boltanski, Kalman and Cloos know this. They avoid the bathos of illustration - no ice, no snow, no crows - and

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find instead a timeless bleakness in these 24 songs. But the result is mainly just baffling

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and distracting. Hunched in an overcoat, Hill gives an intense, dramatic account of his wintry wanderings. Behind him, the landscape of Central Europe unfolds, filmed in black-and white through the window of a moving tram; around him, a young woman and two men lidentical middle-aged twins

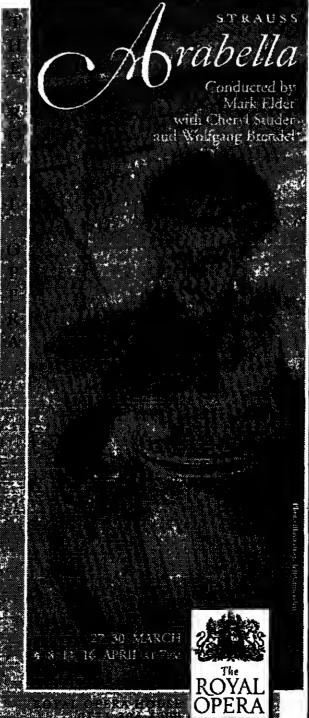
do silent, enigmanic things. Piles of luggage: electric lamps: discarded clothing: Europe in monochrome: the images are those Boltanski has always used to deal with memory, idenoty, loss and death. The distance between his themes and Schubert's is not great; a journey that brought them together might well be worth undertaking. But I wouldn't start from here.

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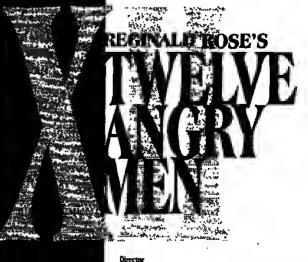


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# Taxing the young to pay for the old

Labour's pension plans are expensive, says Peter Lilley

The key issue facing every developed country is how to ensure adequate pensions for the rising number of elderly people. In most countries, pensions are al-ready the biggest single item of government expenditure. In the UK, for example, state pensions account for over £30 billion a year of public expenditure. That is over a third of the social security budget and around a tenth of total public spending. In countries where pensions are funded largely through taxes, an increasing elderly population implies a potentially unsustainable increase in taxes to pay for it.

The UK is better placed to face these challenges than any country in the developed world. We have made it worthwhile for growing numbers to opt out of the state earningspensions scheme (Serps) into personal and occupational pensinns. As a result. British pensinn funds now have assets of almost £600 billion. That is more than all the other members of the European Union put logether.

We plan to build on these achievements by enabling people to build a third voluntary tier of funded pension provision on top of the basic state pension and the current

compulsory second pension. The Pen-Labour is sinns Act will in-crease confidence in making it occupational pen-sions by creating a less secure and affordattractive able framework of for people to regulation. We will give older people save money bigger National In-

surance rebates to make it inure attractive for them to obtain and keep a personal pension. And we will be examining further steps to encourage the growth of group personal pensions so that more small employers can make pensiun provision for their employees

Labour's policy would undermine these achievements and threaten much higher future levels of taxation. First. they plan a "guaranteed mininium pension" (GMP). This would involve a significant which would be a major disincentive for people to make their own provision for retirement, and punish people who did save. This is because pensioners with modest savings ur private pensions would lose up to a pound of the GMP for each pound of extra income from private savings. It goes without saying that an in-crease in the state guaranteed minimum income for pensioners would also imply a large

increase in taxes to pay for it. Following my criticisms of this policy. Chris Smith has tried to deny that Labour is committed tu a guaranteed minimum income for pensioners. As he wrote in The Times on February 20: "Labour has not made a commitment to a guaranteed minimum pension." He forgets Tony Blair's party conference pledge last autumn that "the aim of the polícy is ... to guarantee a minimum income ... in old age". It is time that Mr Snuth apologised for misleading readers of The Times.

If Labour wants people in go on saving more for their old age, while Labour's policies are making it less attractive

for people to dn so, then Labour will have to make additional saving compulsory. Chris Smith gave a clear hint that that was his intention when he praised the Singaporean model in his letter to The Times of January 5. Recently. Mr Smith has tried to back away from lus early enthusiasm fur Singapore. But until he pledges himself explicitly not to raise compulsory contributions for employers or employees, people may legitimately fear that a Labour government would do just that. Higher contributions for empluyers would destroy jobs. And higher compulsory contributions for employees would leave fewer pounds in

people's pockets.

But the danger from Labour consists not just in increasing compulsory contributions, but in diverong existing contriburions. Labour's flirtation with the Singaporean and Australian pension systems can be explained by the power they give government and trades unions over pension fund investments. Mr Smith wrote in The Times on February 29: "1 want to develop a better way of using this existing contribution through a parmership between government and pri-vate sector." If this means

anything, it means greater state interference in investment by occupational and personal pensions scheme. This would imply a lower rate of return on pension investment, leading to smaller pensions.

Even in Singapore the yield on the governmentrun provident fund has only been 2 per cent a year since 1980, compared with almost 10 per cent a year for UK private pension funds. This translates into a Singaporean pension a quarter of the size of a British pension for an equivalent investment. So allowing a Labour government to dictate pension fund investment would mean smaller pensions for today's savers.

asily. Labour wuuld Lacontrol spending on state pensions. Labour continues to hint at spending more on the basic pension. And Mr Smith's article leaves open the possibility of returning Serps to an unsustainably high level. Given that the Government already spends on pensions around half of what it raises from income tax, Labour's spendihrift anitude should make taxpayers very worried indeed.

Indeed, the threat from Labour to pensioners and taxpayers is real. Although many of his public pronouncements have been a calculated exercise in evasion. Chris Smith's words to date imply significantly higher levels of public spending and much lower incentives for people to provide for their own old age. Anyone interested in the size of their tax bill, or in their standard of living in retirement, will want to hold Mr Smith to his promise of pro-ducing detailed and costed pensions policies when he unveils his review of social security policy on May 8. The author is Secretary of State for

For black American youth, Big Mike has lost his title as the people's champion, says Quentin Letts

From a boxing ring in Las Vegas we will learn tomorrow whether Mike Tyson is again the meanest fighter in the world. The former undisputed heavy-weight champion, still recovering his form after a spell in jail, is taking on our own Frank Bruno. After a few cartilage-mincing moments, or percartilage-mincing moments, or perhaps a little longer, one man will lift the title of global biffer.

Even before the first bone is crunched, however, the back-of-thehall swells of American opinion have signalled a result in a very different contest. In the bruising struggle for street popularity. Tyson was shown this week to have the equivalent of a glass jaw. From the people who used to cheer for him, in the poorer suburbs and parricularly, among young blacks, there has been a resounding "so what?" to tonight's square-tip. In the late Eighties and early Nineties Tyson was their main man, their champion against the onslaughts of the white-run world. Now, to many young Americans, Big Mike is museumsville.

The Vegas bout has failed to generate much pre-bell interest in the United States. The promoters threw themselves into their normal routines but for little reward. Tyson himself. yearning for great acclaim, reached for the O.J. Simpson button. He said that Simpson should "shut his as he moves in on a sparring partner.

Tyson may be hot, but he ain't cool

planning to screw him". Few African-Americans can expect to criticise O.J. and get away with it among their fellow blacks, but Mike Tyson's comments were met with yawning indifference.

It has not helped that his opponent tonight is Frank Bruno, who appears, despite some theatrical glowering this week, to have not a sinew of aggression in his body. Frank may be likeable, but in America his "Know what I mean, Harry?" is not understood and he is not big box office. However, the stronger suspicion is that this fight has been little-trailed because Mike Tyson, as a public commodity, has passed his sell-by date. In the gymnasium he remains an awesome sight, his muscles glistening and his eyes deadset as his arms cut through the air. You can almost hear the theme tune for Jaws

mouth" and claimed that "God is But young America changed while he was doing time for rape. For all it cares, he might be punching thin air in Vegas tonight.

Proof of the new rules of engage-

ment came this week when a black basketball player, Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf, was suspended for refusing to stand during the playing of the nanonal anihem. Abdul-Rauf. a guard with the Denver Nuggets, was known as Chris Jackson before he converted to Islam. A soft-spoken serious man, he said the Stars and Stripes was incompatible with his religious beliefs and symbolised "oppression and tyranny".

The American League of Veterans threw a tantrum, calling Abdul-Rauf's actions "tantamount to treason", and the pick-up-driving classes drawled that Abdul-Rauf should "go back to where he came from (Mississippi, actually). Leading political pundits debated the issue on

television talk shows, and newspaper polenticists entered the fray with gusto, noring that the player, who has a four-year contract with the Nuggets worth \$11.2 million, seemed happy to accept a currency which states "In God We Trust". Out in Mike Tyson's former constituency, meanwhile. Abdul-Rauf was an instant hit. A black friend from New York's Queens borough told me: The neighbourhood loves this guy. He is speaking up for a whole lot of people who feel that the American dream

passed them by.

Abdul-Rauf's quietly stated rebellion matches the spirit of the hour. In the late Eighnes, when Mike Tyson burst onto the scene like a snarling wolf. America was fascinated by raw strength. Today a cleverer spirit of rebellion prevails, and Abdul-Rauf's black Islamic dissent lits neally alongside the agitation of Louis Farrakhan, the Chicago demigod

who led last autumn's Million-Man March on Washington and who quick to comment on Thursday that if this young man obeys his conscience and the command of God, we should not punish him". Admirers compared Abdul-Rauf to the American sprinters who gave black power salutes at the Mexico City Olympics. and, more wounding for Tyson, to Muhammad Ali, another Muslim who rejected the American flag during the Vietnam War. The tale of this tape is that it has rewound 25 years. Abdul-Rani is a symbol for the

new arder. Tyson has tried to change his image. When he left prison last March he flaunted his own, newfound Islamic faith, and went directly to a mosque to pray. But his doubters may ask why he has not changed his name, like the former Chris Jackson and like the one-time Louisville Lip, Cassius Clay.
Abdul-Rauf's project is costing him

more than \$30,000 a game during his suspension. Young blacks think Hey, the guy must be serious

This week Mike Tyson tried to buy in to the victim market by stating that he was innocent of the rape which landed him in jail for three years. "I was the one that gnt raped," he said. Wrong verh. He has been upstaged hy the politicisation of black Ameri-

# Sins of the founder revisited

If Flick money is too tainted for some Oxford academics, they should recall the murky origins of Balliol College

There is nothing as broadminded as a university. The goddess Wisdom must enbrace intolerance and unreason, malice and discord, prejudice and hatred. I spent five years in a university and witnessed speakers shouted down, seminars disrupted, imbecilities and obsceniries uttered that would discredit a public bar. Guarding all this was a penumbra of hypocrisy that called itself liberal values. I love universities, but for honest liberalism give me business, politics or newspapers any day.

From this it is a short slep to Oxford University and the affair of the Flick fortune. In response to Oxford's pleas for private support, a sum of £435,000 has been given by Gen-Rudolph Flick for a university professorship in European Thnught.

The chair, not unreasonably named after Dr Flick, has been allocated to Balliol College, where the incumbent is now a fellow. A campaign has

been raised against grounds that the money comes from

a fortune which, in the hands of Dr Flick's grandfather, contributed to the Nazi war effort and used slave labour during the war. The grandfather was convicted at Nuremberg and spent some time in prison. Much has been made of this in gossip columns and in The Guardian, as has Dr Flick's playboy lifestyle, his nickname "Muck" and his costly divorce. The money is thus held to be lainted by a variety of direct and indirect associations. According to the campaigners, it should not be cleansed by the saintly liberalism of Oxford University or what some regard as the even more saintly liberalism of Balliol College.

Balliol has no problem with the donation. This week its governing body accepted the chair unanimously. Normally what is politically correct with Balliol is correct with the world. Its stern Victorian quadrangles have long stood sentinel at the corner of Broad Street, vetting each passing intellect for moral probity. The aesthetes of neighbouring St John's and Trinity might pour red paint on Balliol's roofs and shove its scarved and bearded inhabitants into the guner. But this cannot stem the ride of recritude that ebbs and flows through its gates. Balliol still bears

the mark of its great master, Jowett, effortless in his "general prejudice against all persons who do not succeed in the world". If ever a college communed directly with God, it is

Campaigners, led by Oxford-edu-cated academics Michael Pinto-Duschinsky and David Selbourne, are appalled by the arrival of Flick money. No matter that Dr Flick was just three years old when Hitler died and has fiercely denounced his grandfather's allegiance. No matter that his money has been wisely and legally invested since, mostly in the Mercedes car company, and was cleared by Oxford's own fundraising ethics committee. No matter that Balliol, and the rest of Oxford, would presumably accept money from German banks or other sources dating back to the 1930s.

The fault lies in the name and the taint. Academics have sensitive souls. As they perambulate the Broad and High they carry on their shoulders the guilt not visit the sins of the fathers on the

sons and the grandsons, who else will take up the burden?

That Balliol should be the home of the Flick chair is doubly ironic. Its founder, John of Balliol, represented everything that the college claims to oppose. The richest baron in 13thcentury England, he owned serfs and slaves galore. When his Galloway lands were disputed, he threw the local lord in his dungeon. He fought Simon de Montfort and helped to crush England's fledgeling democracy and its first Parliament. His son was briefly King of Scotland, began that country's devious alliance with France, lost the Stone of Scone and died in prison. I am amazed that Dr Selbourne, a Balliol man, ever associated with this dreadful family.

Fastidious historians might look further into Balliol's history. The college was founded by Jnhn of Balliol only after he had kidnapped the Bishop of Durham, Walter de Kirkham, who made him seek penance by paying for lo scholars at Oxford. The idea was not Balliol's and the payment was endowed by his widow, Dervorguilla. At the very least, the campaigners should demand a change in the college's name to Kirkham or even Dervorguilla (since it now takes women).



Balliol benefactor Gert-Rudolph Flick, left, and the Oxford college's founder, John of Balliol

Down to the present century, the college was known for grasping money from "sojourners". It won the richest medieval library in England from a former Bishop of Elv. It awarded an MA to George Neville. brother of the Earl of Warwick, whose acceptance banquet was the greatest Oxford had known. In the loth century Balliol remained fiercely Catholic and its Master celebrated the Marian Counter Reformation by burning Larimer and Ridley at the stake. The campaigners should demand an assessment of Balliol's estate and the restitution of money to descendants of his victims.

An old saw holds that behind all great fortunes lie great crimes. But what should later owners of those fortunes do with them? Had Dr Flick spent his millions privately on reinvestment or on his wife, he might have been spared the vilification of distinguished academics. Instead he has chosen to give quantities of money to charity. Perhaps in some measure he does seek to sanitise the family name. I cannot see what is

dishonourable in that. I wonder if his opponents would refuse awards from Nobel, a Pulitzer, a Peabody or a Rockefeller - or even stop to ask how those fortunes were acquired? [Pulitzer was the most scandalous muckraker in newspaper history.)

n this morass of hypocrisy I do not see the objectors to Dr Flick's bequest protesting at the £500,000 that he gave to Hammersmith Hospital. They did not leap into print to accuse him of condemning the hospital lo guilt by association with Nazism and the Holocaust. They did not claim that the National Health Service had become a slave to the enslavement of Jewish labourers. Perhaps they believe that poverty qualifies morality. Or perhaps they simply believe that universines are a lugher form of institutional life and must work to a different moral code.

This is all no small matter. In a letter to The Times on Thursday, Lord Shawcross wrote that the concept of a war crime required the principle of "individual not collective, let alone family, guilt. If we lump together families, governments and armies in this way, he implied, we allow individual wrongdoers to pass responsibility to the collective. Dr Flick's grandfather was adjudged a criminal at Nuremberg, in defiance of any claim to be obeying orders or conforming to the laws of the regime. By the same token, Dr Flick cannot be damned by family association, nor should the property that is his. It is on this principle of individual rather than group responsibility that the edifice of war-crime law rests.

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British higher education has always benefited from the support of wealthy people. From the 1940s to the 1980s this support dwindled in the face of a near-total reliance on the State. Those days are over. Plural. funding is accepted as the key to. expansion. If histurians are to crawl over the family trees of every dunor, universities will wither. Donors will seek less sensitive, and perhaps less hypocritical, outlets for this form of supertax. Balliol and Oxford have wisely recognised the danger.

# Treble chance

SIX CENTURIES of tradition are to come to an end this autumn when girls are admined for the first time to St George's School, Windsor, which supplies choristers for

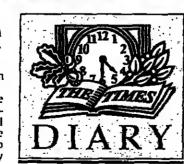
the Queen's Sunday services. The prospect of young girls in pigtails singing lustily from the choirstalls of St George's Chapel is being discounted for now. "We are taking girls, but they are not going to be choristers — at least for the time being," said the Rev Roger Marsh, headmaster of St George's.

be talked about." Mr Marsh says girls will be introduced initially into a new preprep school, although a handful will join the prep school itself. He has launched a £2 million appeal to enlarge the school, which has only 65 pupils and has provided an education for choristers since the

14th century.
"Some members of the Royal Family have given a bit," he says, adding that enlargement is essen-



Choral tradition under threat



fial to the school's survival. "We need the choristers to be part of a thriving prep school - all the more so, because the choral tradition is under threat in the sense that it gets more difficult to find choristers to sing and to take on a boarding life."

i'm sure that Dr Joan McDonough, the female baritone who lost a sex discrimination case after failing to gain a place in St George's choir, will be watching with interest from the pews.

#### Tunnel vision

LONDON Underground staff have had their work cut out calming passengers on the Piccadilly Line who stumbled off trains this week babhling about strange visions in the tunnel. All recounted ghostly glimpses of strange characters at a table on a shadowy platform covered in serpents and beetles; the vision flashed by seemingly suspended in mid-air. I can reassure them. What they

witnessed was the scene at Down Street, the station abandoned in 1932 and used as a wartime meeting place for Churchill and Eisenhower. It was the location for a BBC series from the fantasy writer Neil Gaimon being filmed by Lenny Henry's Crucial Films.

● For a nation that quibbles about the use of such names as Burgundy and Champagne, the French appear to have committed treachery. A new French claret has been called Australe and the Aussies are

#### Dog gone

SADLY missing from Cruft's today is the event's most constant exhibitor, 91-year-old Angel Negal. He has decided not to show miniature smooth-haired dachshunds because two of his prize bitches are in

Angel has been a trouper at the show; he first started showing in 1939 and has since bred more than 40 champions. He wanted to be

there this year but he is nevertheless disillusioned. "It's all too commercial nowa-

days," he tells me. "Everything is

geared towards advertising and they even have events where dogs are expected to play games." Lady Helen Windsor's husband

Timothy Taylor hobbled along with his leg in plaster to a gala dinner on Thursday at the Whitechapel Gallery in London. He was dismayed when one of the guests at his table. Damien "pickler" Hirst,



"Mother's Day isn't the same when vou`re a clone"

failed to show. If Hirst had got to work on his plaster, he could have sold it and recouped the cost of the skiing holiday on which the accident occurred.

#### Oh brother

I HAVE heard that Psychoanalysing Diana. a Channel 4 programme in which a royal lookalike will play the Princess of Wales as she is investigated by a Freudian psychoanalyst, may well suggest that she is suffering from a "broth-

er fixation". It is rumoured that the television psychoanalyst, Dylan Evans, will come up with the extraordinary notion that Diana is closer to her sibling Charles, now Earl Spencer, than she has been to any other member of her family. He makes great play of the fact that Diana even married a man with the same Christian name as her brother. It all sounds too ridiculous to be true.

# Naked jape

NO MEMBERS of the British aristocracy would be so bold as to take a figleaf from the book of the 52year-old Italian marchioness Marina Ripa Di Meana. This morning



Marina Ripa Di Meana

in her native country, she will be unveiled starkers in a billboard campaign for the International Animal Welfare Fund of which she is the Italian ambassadnr. The accompanying slogan reads: "The

only fur I'm not ashamed to wear." Ripa Di Meana, who is a grandmother and married to Carlo Ripa Di Meana, the leader of the Green party and a former European Environment Cummissioner, says: "Iam offering my naked image to de fend and protect all animals."

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# **COLLECTIVE ERROR**

Major must not muzzle his ministers in a referendum

The year is 1998. The Conservative Cabinet and William Hague to be members of that has recommended that Britain should give up the pound and join a European single currency. All 43 million people on the electoral register are given several weeks of a referendum campaign in which to make up their minds on the issue, and will then have a free vote. The only exceptions are 100odd Tory MPs who are members of the Government and are obliged to vote for the Cabinet's line: not just in the ballot box but in the course of the campaign too. Absurd? Not if Kenneth Clarke and his friends in today's Cabinet get their way.

Barbara Castle, planning the 1975 referendum on Britain's membership of the Common Market, knew how dangerous an insistence on traditional collective responsibility would be. I wanted a free hand for everyone during the referendum campaign." she wrote in her diaries. Freedom to choose must feed back from the people into the Cabinet. Otherwise the party would be fatally split".

The oddity of today's discussions is that those who advocate collective responsibility claim to do so precisely in order to prevent splits. They argue that the decision to suspend the normal rules during the 1975 carronaign caused tensions in the Labour Pare that were never resolved — and eventually led to the departure from Labour of four of its senior members and the formation of the Social Democratic Party. Yet the proponents of this case fail to consider what would have happened had the dissenters in Harold Wilson's Cabinet been forced to toe the pro-European line. They would have resigned en masse, all seven of them, making Harold Macmillan's "little local difficulty" when he lost three Treasury ministers look as trivial as he wanted people to believe at the time.

The same would happen in 1998, Were Michael Portillo, Peter Lilley, Michael Howard, John Redwood, Michael Forsyth

Cabinet, it is almost inconceivable that they could publicly support Britain's membership of economic and monetary union. To expect them to swallow their powerfully held beliefs on a matter of huge political, economic and constitutional importance would be cruel and unusual punishment. Surely they would resign rather than fight for what they saw as the wrong side.

One of the main reasons for holding a referendum is that support for and opposition to Britain's membership of a single currency do not fall neatly along party lines. If they did, it would be easier to argue that a general election could resolve the matter. As it is, both main parties are deeply and clearly divided: it would be an insult to the public's intelligence and a negation of the point of the referendum to enforce collective responsibility on this matter during the campaign.

By 1975, the foundations of the Labour Party's split had already been laid. Roy Jenkins had resigned the deputy leadership three years before in protest at the anti-European stance of much of his party. Harold Wilson was having as much trouble holding his MPs together then as John Major has now. Roy Jenkins, like Mr Clarke, was against the whole idea of a referendum, which he described as a "monstrosity". Yet the referendum did not hasten the split; if anything it created for a short while the impression within Cabinet of greater unity, as the losers agreed to abide by the result.

If the Conservative Party is going to divide over Europe, it will do so with or without a referendum, with or without collective responsibility. But at least if ministers are free to argue their case, the campaign will be conducted with honesty and vigour. To hold a referendum and then muzzle ministers would be a typical Majorite tactic: a shortterm fudge to appease colleagues which only turns sour when it really matters.

#### ZIMBABWE'S CHOICE

The electoral farce reflects wider worries

Zimbabwe's five million eligible citizens will go to the polls in the presidential elections to be held today and tomorrow. The outcome of this contest can be safely predicted. Robert Mugabe, incumbent President and head of government since 1980, will be returned to office. The only issue of consequence is the size of the turnout.

This prediction can be made with such confidence because Mr Mugabe is the sole remaining candidate. A week ago he had two opponents. On Tuesday the independent candidate. Ndabaningi Sithole, withdrew, citing a bizarre government plot against him. Rather more importantly, the remaining Opposition candidate, Bishop Abel Muzorewa, left the contest yesterday after his appeal to the Supreme Court for a postponement of the elections was rejected.

Bishop Muzorewa's appeal centred on the conditions governing the campaign. His United Party, too poor even to afford a telephone in its campaign offices, did not have the resources to wage a reasonable fight. Meanwhile, he argued, the Government's control over the media, its partisan appointment of poll supervisors and the lavish use of state funds to impress voters made a mockery of free and fair elections. Maybe Mr Mugabe would have been reelected even on a more level playing field. Maybe suspension of elections at this late stage was hopelessly impractical. But the

bishop's case certainly had merit. This unsatisfactory ballot is made more worrying because it fits a pattern of recent events that have damaged Zimbabwe's democratic structure, a structure which has broadly held firm, with many imperfections, since independence. State control of the media is a case in point. This year government pressure led to the dismissal of the Editor of The Financial Gazette, the sole newspaper prepared to campaign against corruption in high places. Since then, that newspaper has dropped its criticisms of the Mugabe regime.

During his re-election campaign Mr Mugabe has denounced the World Bank and the IMF for attaching conditions, such as a small degree of privatisation, to their financial aid for the country. He has again returned to attacks on white farmers and to the threat of land seizure without proper compensation. Much of this may be election politics. But it does not augur well for democratic or economic reform in the next Mugabe term.

The real choice that Zimbabwe faces, therefore, is not at these elections but after them. The choice is between two African models. The first is the recent modernisation route represented by South Africa and, to a lesser extent, by other neighbouring states such as Malawi and Zambia that have moved towards greater political pluralism and market liberalisation. The second, much less appealing and less likely to attract foreign investment, is the route followed by Nigeria and Zaire, where even the trappings of electoral democracy have been jettisoned.

For all Mr Mugabe's authoritarian instincts, Zimbabwe has been a success story in many ways during the 16 years of majority rule. Its relative tolerance helped to persuade white South Africans that apartheid could be safely abandoned. It would be unfortunate if this tolerance were to be reversed after having set an encouraging example to others.

#### **ARMOUR AND LIGHT**

There is much more to blades than meets the eye

When the Queen opened the Royal Armouries Museum in Leeds yesterday, she visited the oldest perquisites and props of the monarchy. Although George II, an excitable, little red-faced warrior in armour on a big horse at Dettingen, was the last monarch to lead his troops into battle, arms and armour remain powerful tools for catching and holding the public imagination.

Some of the pieces, such as the grotesque homed helmet mask Maximilian 1 of Germany gave to Henry VIII, and Henry's magnificent armour for the Field of Cloth of Gold were personal armour of the monarch. More were worn and wielded by soldiers of the Crown. And all of them have stories to each about the past of the United and Not-So-United Kingdom.

For arms may be the earliest arrefacts of civilisation. When man starts to organise himself in society, what does he want to do but to defend, control and expand that society? Arms illustrate the eternal ebb and flow between attack and defence, the size (smaller) and recklessness (greater?) of our ancestors; what gods they believed in, and

what they ate and wore. Arms also set the glory myths against the grim reality, and ask the old questions of peace and war, high politics and the or invarion of politics by other means. They range from the wildest shores of Empire (with the world's last suit of pachyderm armour for an elephant brought back from India by Clive) to the maces

bishops swung in battle in the pious hope of not shedding blood. And weapons of death and defence can be surprisingly beautiful as well as ancient. See the picture of the Hall of Steel in today's Magazine.

The dispute about moving the Royal Armouries to Leeds was not about the Watford Gap being the impermeable barrier between North and South. The armouries display their own subtext to that argument. once bloody now boring. With the modern jousting and audio-visual and computer displays that the Queen saw, school parties will now be able to work out for themselves why England won at Agincourt but lost at Bannockburn. They will be able to dress a knight for battle and hoist him up on his horse, and try but fail to draw a longbow.

The White Tower has been used as the royal armoury since William the Conqueror built it. But the Norman Kings also used it as a royal residence and a prison for troublesome members of their households. Though the Queen may sometimes feel tempted, there is no merit in continuing all original functions in the Tower unchanged.

Leeds can display 90 per cent of the blades and other arms which are such a big part of British history, instead of the 10 per cent that will stay on show in the Tower. They can be looked after and lit better in their new home. Scholars will still know where to present arms in style. And visitors can have their imaginations fired by the sharpest visual aids to history.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR 1 Pennington Street, London El 9XN Telephone 0171-782 5000

# business payers

From Mr Alan Golob

Sir, Organisations representing small business should take concerted action against large organisations that delay payment of invoices ["Major promises shame to late payers". Business, March 12).

Every month a major "non-paying corporation" should be targeted. Suppliers should be co-ordinated, perhaps by a representative organisation. in their action to issue a county court summons for any amount owed for more than 30 days. (Costs are recoverable.) If, say, 500 summonses were issued the administration and cost involved in answering and meeting them all would deter companies from withholding payments.

The knock-on effect of so many county court judgments would be to downgrade the company's credit rating, which would in turn affect how much it could borrow from financial institutions, its relationships with overseas trading partners, etc.

There is a world of difference between a company having a good cash flow and its withholding payment. The company that discharges its debts efficiently promotes goodwill and re-ceives good service and prompt atten-tion from its suppliers. Bad payers get put to the bottom of the pile and pay the highest prices for the goods sup-plied. Big business and government ministers, you would think, would un-derstand this,

ALAN GOLOB, Hill Brow, Harewood Road, Collingham. West Yorkshire. March II.

From Ms Vivien Allen

Sir. Surely there is an easy solution to the problem crippling so many small businesses. .

Some years ago when I lived in South Africa I found that if bills were not paid within 30 days you were charged interest and the rate of interest increased the longer the bill was outstanding.

It was not only a powerful incentive to pay on time but perfectly fair: if you have had goods or services and not paid for them you are in effect taking a loan from the supplier and no one expects to have a loan without paying interest

Yours faithfully, VIVIEN ALLEN, 9 Scarlett Road, Castletown, Isle of Man. March 13.

#### **Premium Bonds**

Fram the Head of Policy. National Savings

Sir, Your report on the Datamonitor survey of the effects of the National Lottery (News in brief, early editions, March 5) suggests that Premium Bond sales have suffered as a result of it. On the contrary: sales have never

In the year following the launch of the lottery we sold £1.7 billion worth of Premium Bonds, much of h stimulared by the introduction of our £1 million jackpot prize in April 1994. That is over three times as much as we sold in the previous year when there was no competing National Lottery. What the Datamonitor survey actu-.

ally said was that managers of banks and building societies thought that the lottery was a serious threat to Premium Bonds and, to a lesser extent, to their own deposit accounts. They seem to have overlooked an important factor: the appeal of becoming an overnight millionaire is the same with both the lottery and Premium Bonds, but with Premium Bonds people are never at risk of losing their capital.

Yours faithfully, PATRICK HICKMAN ROBERTSON,

Head of Policy, National Savings. Charles House, 375 Kensington High Street, W14.

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#### Dalek dialect

From Mr Jack Clayton

Sir. Carol Imlay's memories of Dr Who (letter, March 8) awakened some of mine from 1963. I was then in charge of the studio sound in the first series of the programme and like Raymond Cusick, the designer, I was given freedom to interpret the scripts. He was told only to avoid showing feet; so far as I recall the script it simply described the Dalek voices as "metallic".

Mr Cusick and I made our preparations separately, and it was only when the production reached the studio that the vision and sound came together. The combination was an instant success and the Daleks, as Miss Imlay describes so graphically, made a considerable impact upon the viewers of the day.

Yours faithfully JACK CLAYTON, Brook House, Swelling. Saxmundham, Suffolk. March 9.

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### Shaming the tardy Flick donation to Balliol College

From Mr Stephen Shaw

Sir. Lord Shawcross fletter. March 14: also report, March 12) writes of "the Flick family donation to Balliol Coll-ege. Oxford" but asserts that it would be wrong to visit the sins of the grandfather upon the grandson.

The fact is that this "generous endowment" is and will always be perceived as a "Flick family donation", and from a family whose fortune is associated with its support for the Third

It seems clear to me that the self-evident purpose of the endowment is to lift the status of a name steeped in such associations. Had Balliol had any self-respect it would have rejected such moneys. By accepting, it has diminished its standing.

Yours faithfully, STEPHEN SHAW, 27 West Heath Drive, NWII.

From Sir Sigmund Sternberg

Sir, f have followed with interest the debate surrounding the Flick family donation to Balliol College and I agree with Lord Shawcross, who favours acceptance of the endowment.

I recall, as will your older readers, the debate in the early 1950s about the payment of reparations by Germany to Israel and the Jewish people. It was agreed that reparations for material losses during the Second World War were an important step in the process of reconciliation between Germans

With benefit of hindsight we can see that the positions taken by Chancellor Adenauer and Prime Minister Ben Gurion, in the face of considerable opposition, were indeed correct.

There has been an appreciation, not only by Germany as a state but also by German individuals, that they have a special responsibility in promoting Christian-Jewish understand-

believe that Dr Flick is similarly motivated and his gift to Balliol should be accepted in that spirit. This gift, of course, does not discharge the gitimate claims of the survivors of the slave-labour regime in the war-time Flick operation to be recompensed for their suffering. That question remains to be resolved.

Yours sincerely, SIGMUND STERNBERG, The Sternberg Centre for Judaism. The Manor House, 80 East End Road, N3.

From Ms Ziona S. Strelitz

Sir, There are circumstances in which the recent Flick endowment to Balliol College could have been considered generous. The chair might have been endowed without carrying the donor's name. It might even have commemorated those who had no choice in contributing to the fortune from which the gift derives. With the donor's name, however, the endowment is not generous, but self-serving.

Yours sincerely. ZIONA S. STRELITZ. 89 Meadway, NWII. March 15.

From Mr R. Gartenberg

Sir, I entirely agree with Lord Shawcross that the current Dr Flick cannot be held to account for the sins of his grandfather, However, one is entitled to ask whether Dr Flick would have been able to make his generous donation had his grandfather not laid the foundation of his fortune.

Yours faithfully, RALPH GARTENBERG. 14 Cuckoo Hill Drive, Pinner, Middlesex. March 14,

#### India today

From Mr Roy Proctor Edwards

Sir, Much of the strong economy predicted for the future by William Rees-Mogg in his excellent article. "In praise of India" (March II; letters, March 14), is already coming to pass. He should know that when he

books a seat on British Airways, the computer that handles his booking is in Delhi; that when he pays his British Telecom bill, their computer is in Bombay: that many of the operating systems for IBM's computers are writ-ten by roomsful of well dressed, polite. efficient, English-speaking young la-dies with mathematics degrees working in well lit modern offices in Bangalore.

They work at one seventeenth the wages of their counterparts in the UK. and the costs of flashing the results of their work by satellite to IBM's laboratories in Winchester, UK, or Armonk, New York State, are virtually So many Japanese high-tech firms now have plants in Bangalore that it is being called India's "Silicon Gulch".

Yours faithfully, ROY PROCTOR EDWARDS, 13 Sycamore Court, Springfield Road, Windsor, Berkshire.

From Mr Iain Banks

Sir, Mr Ganesh Lall (letter, March 14) draws attention to India's "respect for the other side and tolerance of dissenting beliefs and opinions" as part of the rich culture that enabled democracy to take root there.

Under normal circumstances, one would give Mr Lall the benefit of the doubt, but after the debacle in Calcutta (cricket report and photograph, March 14) there's clearly no need to trouble the third umpire.

Yours etc. IAIN BANKS, 40 Doods Park Road, Reigate, Surrey.

The language of law

Sir, Between 1965 and 1990 I was in-

volved in the drafting of international

contracts where, if litigation or arbi-

tration was to be avoided, clarity to the reader (often an engineer whose

first language was not English) was

5; see also letters, March 15) and his

colleagues in the Parliamentary Counsel Office were brilliant in draft-

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mentary draftsmen could understand.

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the man in the street and, indeed, to

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If the ability to phrase legal con-

cepts in English which is readily un-derstood by reasonably educated peo-

ple is not achievable by parliamentary draftsmen, then it is inevitable that

others should be asked to undertake

other professional advisers.

Yours faithfully.

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Mr Francis Bennion (letter, March

From Mr R. Peter Letcher

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#### Housing repairs

From His Honour Judge Richard Holmon

Sir, It is unfortunate that your report today on housing disrepair claims faced by local councils should focus so heavily on the profit being made by lawyers. This may have been the position in the past, but no longer.

A very significant brake on costs was imposed by the Court of Appeal last year in Joyce v Liverpool Council (Law Report, May 2, 1995) when it upheld the trial judge's decision that including a claim to compel the landlord to carry out repairs did not prevent claims being referred to arbitration under the small-claims procedure, where only very limited costs can be recovered and legal aid is not generally available.

The financial limit for small claims has recently been increased from E1,000 to E3,000 and this embraces a very substantial proportion of housing disrepair cases.

Yours faithfully, RICHARD HOLMAN, Courts of Justice. Crown Square, Manchester. March 12

## Oil spillages

From Professor N. J. Gaskell

Sir, Commander Sands (letter, March 6) may be right in his nauncal opinion about whether it was wise to bring the Sea Empress into Milford Haven, but he is wrong in his view on the law that once a salvor has obtained a salvage agreement he gets nothing if unsuccessful".

As long ago as 1980 the Lloyd's Open Form (LOF) salvage agreement was amended to ensure that a salvor would at least be reimbursed his expenses if an oil tanker and cargo were The 1989 Salvage Convention puts a

specific duty on the salvor to exercise due care to prevent or minimise damage to the environment. If he tows a tanker to sea, thereby saving pollution, and it later sinks, the salvor will not be entitled to traditional salvage. But he will be entitled to all his expenses plus an increment of up to 100 per cent of those expenses (which may amount to several million pounds). This and other provisions were designed to encourage protection of the environment.

Martin, Fordingbridge, Hampshire. Failure by salvors to comply with

Convention obligations could result in deprivation of any payments for work done and possibly to an action for damages. The Convention comes into force in-

ternationally next July but the UK gave effect to it from January 1, 1995, so it could apply to cases such as the Sea Empress. Moreover, the shipping industry (through the Council of Lloyd's) has voluntarily incorporated the Convention into the LOF from Commander Sands is correct in

considering that the Government (through the Marine Pollution Control Unit) had the right to control operations and there may be legitimate questions about whether correct nautical decisions were taken. However, we should be cautious about condemning those who have to take difficult decisions in appalling conditions without the benefit of hindsight.

Yours faithfully, NICHOLAS GASKELL (Director). Institute of Maritime Law. University of Southampton, Highfield, Southampton, Hampshire.

#### Team spirit brings hope to Sri Lanka

From Mr Amal Abeyawardene

Sir, Whether Sri Lanka wins or loses in the cricket World Cup final, the mere fact that the national team has reached the ultimate stage of the com-petition will be an enormous achievement for this tiny, troubled country. What has been largely overlooked by most commentators, more surprised by the blitzkrieg batting, has been the fact that this has been a collective achievement.

The team is a true representation of the unity of Sri Lanka, and not a Sin-halese or Tamil squad. Nor is it one from the exclusive Colombo middle class. Sinhalese, Tamil and all other ethnic constituents can rightly take pride by applauding in the learn's achievement: their industrious yet modest approach: their will, guile and concentration; and above all, their cohesion and teamwork. When one team member failed, another has responded to compensate.

Despite being denied opportunities to gain invaluable experience on tours both away and at home, cricket in Sri Lanka has been carefully nurtured and has now reached extraordinary heights. Surely the time has come for other long-standing, Test-playing countries to recognise these achieve-ments and provide Sri Lanka with more experience in full Test match

It would be marvellous if Sri Lanka can beat Australia in the final on Sunday, but the real prize for Sri Lanka, for its team, cricket fans and all inhabitants, would be if all the disparate elements of the island can continue to unite even after the stumps are drawn and cheer on the dawning of a lasting

Arjuna Ranatunga and his cricketing colleagues have shown with their endeavours on the field what the nation will one day achieve with unity and harmony.

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#### Clergy testing

From Mr N. R. MacNicol

Sir. The questions for would-be dergy proposed by Mr Richard Beighion (letter, March 12). Do you believe in God?" and "Do you believe in the Bible?", would puzzle the Church of England examiners as well as the candidates. How long and how well bulanced would the answers have to be?

who famously prefaced every answer on the Brains Trust programme with "It all depends what you mean by . . .", gave the definitive Anglican answer to such questions in his book The Recoven of Belief (Faber, 1952). It is so exquisitely diffident and tentative that it comes as an enormous relief to find at the end (248 pages) that, "subject to considerable doubts and reservations", he comes down in favour of a hesitantly positive answer and so, we presume, went to heaven.

Yours faithfully. NIGEL R. MacNICOL, 9 Church Lane. Greetham, Oakham, Rutland.

#### **Curse of Glencoe**

From Mr Christopher J. Eadie

Sir, Your obituary of the Earl of Stair (March 2) mentions that an ancestor was responsible for the massacre of the Macdonalds at Glencoe in 1692.

It does not add that the earl's coat of arms incorporates nine diamonds. Although Brewer's prefers other suggestions this appears to me to be the likeliest explanation for the nine of diamonds being known as the curse of Scotland".

Yours faithfully, C. J. EADIE, 16 Broadfields Avenue, Winchmore Hill, N21. March 9.

#### Pigeons in Square From Mr David P. Robinson

Sir, You refer to the "theft" of pigeons from Trafalgar Square (report, March 9). If they have been stolen, they must have owners. Who are they, and can they be held to account for the mess their animals make in public places?

DAVID P. ROBINSON. 92 Milland Drive, Mill Valley. CA 94941-2537, USA.

#### Food for thought

From Mr Colin Garrett

Sir, When I read your headline, "Task force aims to halt global obesity epidemic" (report, March 13, later editions), I was reminded of two adages passed on by a wise nutritionist. First, remember that you are what you eat. Secondly, in relation to food, if it is processed it is bad for you; if it is advertised, it will probably kill you. The task force might like to bear these in

Yours sincerely, COLIN GARRETT, 17 North Road, Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire, March 13.



#### **COURT CIRCULAR**

March 15: The Queen today visited Leeds and was received at the Railway Station by Her Maiesty's Lord-Lieutenant of West Yorkshire (Mr John Lyles) and the Lord Mayor of Leeds (Councillor Mrs I.M. White).

Having been received at Victoria Bridge by the Chairman. British Waterways Board (Mr Bernard Henderson), Her Majesty emharked in a canal boat, proceeded to Clarence Dock and was received by The Duke of Kent (President, the Royal Armouries Development

The Oueen subsequently arrived at the Royal Armouries Museum and was received by the Chair-man, Board of Trustees of the Royal Armouries (the Lord Younger of Prestwick) and Mr Guy Wilson [Master of the Armouries]. Her Majesty watched a Masque,

performed to explain the concept of the Museum, and opened the Royal Armouries Museum. Afterwards The Queen toured the Museum. This afternoon Her Majesty honoured the Lord Mayor of Leeds

with her presence at Luncheon in the Civic Hall. The Queen later visited Waddingtons Cartons Limited and was received by the Chairman of John Waddington IMr David

By Command of The Queen, the Baroness Miller of Hendon (Baroness in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this evening upon the Arrival of the Governor-General of Canada and Madame LeBlanc and welcomed Their Excellencies on behalf of Her

The Prince of Wales, on behalf of The Queen, held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** March 15: The Duke of York, Patron, this morning launched the Swordfish Heritage Trust Appeal on board HMS Invincible at

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** March 15: The Princess Royal. President Riding for the Disabled Association, today attended B Council Meeting at Saddlers' Hall.

Her Royal Highness, President, British Olympic Association, this evening attended a Grand Appeal Dinner at Edinburgh International Conference Centre and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the City of Edinburgh (Mr Norman Irons, the Rt Hon the Lord Provost).

ST JAMES'S PALACE March 15: The Duke of Kent,

YORK HOUSE

President, the Royal Armouries Development Trust, this morning anended the opening of the Royal Armouries by The Queen, Waterloo House Waterloo Street, Leeds. His Royal Highness, Vice-Chair-man, the British Overseas Trade Board, this afternoon visited Airedale International Air Conditioning. Rawdon Factory, Leeds Road, Leeds. West Yorkshire,

#### Marlborough College

Marlborough College announces the following scholarship and ex-hibition awards for September Sixth Form Awards

Major Academic Scholarships: Edward Baring, Jorneriv at West-minster Calhedral School: James Tomlins, formerly at Claires Court School:

Tomlins, formerly at Claires Court School.

Minor Academic Scholarships: Zoc Moore, Darne Alice Harpur School: Phanella Mayali, formerly at Roedean: William Reade. St. Hugh's School: Faringdon.

Academic Exhibitions: Michael Auden. formerly at Summer Fields: Abble Dale, formerly at St. Paul's Girls' School: Tessa Hodge, formerly at St. Paul's Girls' School: Tessa Hodge, formerly at St. Andrews, Pangbourne; Cheney Drew, Queenswood School. Heritorishire: Gil's Portman. Sherbome School for Girls: Yant Phoz, Methodist College, Kuala Lumpur, Mimor Masic Scholarship: Oanlel Stalford, Chipping Nonon School.

Music Exhibition: Christina Too, St. Stephen's Girls College, Hong Kong, Art Scholarship: Alexander Hoda, lormerly at Northbourne Park, Betleshanger.

Major Awards
Major Academic Scholarships
William Seymour, 51 Andrews,
Pangebourne: Edward Marilin-Specry,
The Dragon School: Dickon Ausden,
Summer Fields: Mark Suchopar,
Pinewood School. Almor Academic Scholarships: Aerryl Lawry White, Commonweal Ichool, Swindon: Grace Boswood,

Cumnor House School: Sarah Mills. Casile Court School; Henry Adalr. Westbourne House (George Abell Scholarship). Academic Exhibitions: Emma Maurice, Cilion High School: Madeleine Sumpilon. Cumnor House School: Ratharine Price. Beaudesen Park School: Johanna Hodge, Si Andrew's, Pangbourne: Toby Ford, Swanbourne House School. Major Music Scholar: Victoria Mason. The Prebendal School. Minor Music Scholarships: Serah Jackson. Edgebomush: Medeleine Sumpilon. Cumnor House School. Ant Schools: Feltx Milbum-Foster, Ant Schools: Feltx Milbum-Foster, Ant Schools: Feltx Milbum-Foster,

Luncheon Lord Weatherill

Lord Weatherill was the host yesterday at a larewell luncheon held at the House of Lords by the Executive Committee of the United Kingdom branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association in honour of the Speakers, Deputy Speakers and Members of Commonwealth Parliaments attending the 1996 parliamentary seminar at Westminster Sir Ivan Lawrence, QC. MP, chairman of

#### Memorial service

Mr Nicholas Hall

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Nicholas Hall, former Chairman of Hall Engineering and a horse breeder, was held yesterday at St Mary's. St Mary. Jersey. The Rev A. Hart officiated, assisted by Canon Jonathan Gledhill. Mr Alexander Hall. grandson, read the leson and Mr Arnold Hillier gave an address.

#### Edmund Gavin

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Edmund Gavin will be held at Sr Paul's Church, Wilton Place. Knightsbridge on Saturday, April 20, al noon.

Royal engagements

TODAY: the Duchess of Kent will attend a reception, concert and dinner. Sir Georg Solti and Friends", at the Landmark Hotel, Marylebone Road, at 7.30 in aid of St John's Hospital. TOMORROW: Queen Elizabeth

The Queen Mother will present Shamrock to The Irish Guards at Chelsea Barracks at 11.30 to mark St Patrick's Day.

Prince Edward will attend The Rugby Football Union match between England and Ireland at Twickenham at 3.00.

Today's events

Day one

The Queen's Life Guard mounts at Horse Guards at 11.00. The Queem's Guard mounts at Buckingham Palace at 11.30. TOMORROW: The Queen's Life Guard mounts at Horse Guards at 11.00,



The conductor Roger Nortington, left, is 62 today; the pianist John Lill is 52 tomorrow

#### Weekend birthdays

TODAY: Mr Matthew Bannister. Controller. BBC Radio 1, 39; Miss Teresa Berganza, mezzo-soprano, 61: Mr Bernardo Bertolucii, film director, 55; the Right Rev Hugo de Waal, Bishop of Therford, 6): Sir Philip Foreman, mechanical engineer, 73; Air Chief Marshal Sir Christopher Foxley-Norris, 79; Sir Ewart Jones, chemist, 85: Sir Anthony Kenny, former president, British Academy, 65; Mr Leo McKern, actor, 76; Miss Georgina Nayler, former director, National Heritage Memorial Fund, 37; Miss Kate Nelligan, actress, 45; Mr R.G. Puttick, former chairman, Taylor Woodrow, 80; Miss Bridget Rowe, Editor, The People, 46; Mr John Watts, racehorse trainer, 54.

TOMORROW: Lord Justice Aldous, 60; Professor J.R. Baines, Egyptologist, 50; Sir Donald Barron, former chairman, Midland Bank, 75; Viscount Bridgon, 48: Mr Terry Dicks, MP, 59; Professor David Dilks, Vice-Chancellor, Hull University, S8; Vice-Court Theatre, 55: Mr Mi Admiral Sir Donald Gibson, 80; Whitaker, showjumper, 36.

director-general. Commonwealth War Graves Commission, 70; Professor G.M. Hughes. zoologist, 71; Sir Robin Knox-Johnston, yachtsman. 57; the Earl of Lauderdale, 85; Mrs Penelope Lively, writer, 63: Mr Alexander McQueen, fashion designer, 27: Sir Ramsay Melhuish, diplomat. 64: Lady (lames) Mellon, chair-woman, Volunteer Development Scotland, 67: the Most Rev K.M.P. O'Brien. Archbishop of St Andrews and Edinburgh. 53: Mr Tim Rathbone, MP, 63: Sir Parrick Reilly, diplomat, 87; Sir Raymond Rickett, former chairman. Council for National Academic Awards, 69; Mr Kurt Russell, actor, 45: Miss Galina Samsova, ballerina, 59; Mr Brian Sedgemore, MP. 59; Sir Patrick Sergeant, founder. Euromoney Publications, 72: Dr David Stafford-Clark, psychiatrist. 80 and his son Mr Max Stafford-Clark. former artistic director, Royal Court Theatre, 58: Mr Michael

Sir Arthur Hockaday, former

#### Cheltenham Ladies' College

The Cheltenham Ladies' College has made the following awards for

Janior Awards
Academic
Major Scholarships: Emily Roch and
Georgina Steadman, the Richard
Pate School, Cheltenham, Lucia
Simon. Packwood Haugh.
Minor Scholarships: Lydia Ogilvie,
Ali Salnis C of E. Blackhezih. Lucy
Styles, North Bridge House, London
and Mihalela Swift. Si Neol's,
Besingstoke, Eloise Donnelly,
Packwood Haugh, Emma Porsyth,
Godstowe and Lorreine Jones, St
Contides, Lechlade.

Masic
Major Scholarship: Georgina Leach.
Beaudesert Park, Minchinhampton.
Minor Scholarship: Charlotte EvansWilcox, Prior Park, Crickide.
Exhibitions: Stephanie Beer, Berkhampstead, Chelienham and Sophie
Zeuner. The Elms, Colwall.
Shift Form Awards
Academic

Major Scholarsblp: Emily McGec. Siotkoort Grammar School Bay Girl Exhibition: Becky Davies, Cleeve School, Chehenham.

Ari Minor Scholarship: Katrina Wong, Headington: Oxford Internal Awards for the Shuth Form: Scholarships: Jennifer Lee, Kale McGavin and Edwina Rushworth. Sixth Form Scholarship Examinations for September 1997 entry take place on November 13 and 14, 1996. Academic, Art and Music Scholar-ships are available.

Legal appointments Donald Michael Cryan to be a circuit judge, assigned to the South

Eastern Circuit Joseph Neil Leonard to be a fulltime chairman of industrial tri-bunals from April I, assigned to the London North Region. Dr Carle Kaplan to be a member

of the Council of Tribunals for a

further three years. Michael Lewer, QC, to be chairman (part-time) of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Appeals

# Cruft's Show results

Fire Mrs I Mickiethwaite, Andover, Hants. Anstralban SBky Terrier: Sharhad Dreaming Bear: Mr D Sherp, Birmingham, Affenpinscher: Ch. Avantgarde Reberhanve: Miss J Gruninger, Potters Bar, Herts. Miniature Finscher: ch Telidor Trumps at Gwynslas Miss R Parry, Pon Talbot, West Glamorgan, Pappillon: Tussalud Storyteller: Mrs K Stewart, Barlon-le-Clay, Beds. Fekinese: Shingo Idle Dreams: Mr and Mrs J Goodall, Aylesbury, Bucks.

Bucks.

Pomeranium: Casprows Bestseller
for Chambecc Mrs I Phillips, Hyde,
Cheshire, Leonberger, Manorguard
Adam; Mr and Mrs M Feehan,
Enfleid, northwest London,
Miniature Schnunzer; th Maid for
Gold with Armorique Mr S Bates,
Chelmsford, Essex, Schipperker,
Sylbecq Hello Darkness; Mr R
Baker, Rishton, Lanes, Dahnatlan;
ch Washalde Indian Summer, Miss
K Golf, Bourne, Lines,
Poodle Ohlinkature); ch Rocksville

K Goff, Bourne, Lines.

Poodle (Miniature): ch Rocksville
The Cool Dude at Glynpedr. Mr
Boarwright, Market Oravton, Salop,
Schnaouer: ch Geissvoll Ottiello at
Tamberg: Mr and Mrs C Ogburn,
Tamershall Bridge, Lines, Tibetan
Terrier: Allian Hjosle from
Snoroma: Mrs and Mrs T Andrew,
Newport, Shmps, Maltese: ch
Marvess Dazzlyn Starlet: Mrs P
Reynolds, Manningtree, Essex,
Canasa Dog: Kibutzer Kween in
Kofyn: Miss M Vincent, Surensham,
Worts, French Ball Dog: ch Jolemb
Second Time Around: Mrs and Mrs
H Thomas, Hessje, North Humber

side. Lhasa Apsor ch Deelayne Peaches O'Day. Mrs M Lewis, Covenity, West Mids. Cavaller King Charles Spaniel: Loranka's Dream Lover. Mrs L Hophes, Gwynedd. North Wales. Chilmakina (Long): Starlectras Blochusier. Mrs C Doherty. Coventy, West Mids. English Toy Terriver. Amalek High Society: Mrs M Wilson. Dkehampion. Devon. Indian Greybound: ch Myroak Pica: Mrs J Sunders. Dorchester, Dorse. Png. ch Maulick Upsy-Dalsy, Mrs M Hopkinson, Northogham. Yorkshire Terriver. ch Murbay Evenling Blue of Chandas: Mrs S Chiswell. Warley, West Mids. Lapanese Schib Inn. Yormuod I'm Smarite. Mrs E Dunhill, Reford. Norts. Shar Peiamaykert Greek Tycoon: Miss M Kert, Croydon, South London, Stall Tim: ch Peekin Tashi-Tu: Mrs and Mrs Stevens. Saffroo Walden, Essez.

Day two
Irish Red and White Setter: sh ch
Spycifir Pandora's Box Mrs S
Humphries, Chippenham, Wits.
Retriever (labrador): sh ch Rocheby
Polkadot: Mrs D Hopkinson,
Ooncaster, Spaniel (American
cocker): sh ch Sundus Lancylot of
Cosalia: Mr and Mrs P Swigcish,
Wellingborough, Northants,
Spaniel (chimber): Andchelle Lord
Odyn: Miss M Meredini, Newport,
Gwent.
Spaniel (field): ch Parkanine Spaniet (field): ch Parkanine Pioneer of Dublidee Mrs V Mosedale, Borron-upon-Trent, Sialls, Spaniet (trish water):

Gallyhill Take the Pledge for Stokelary: Mrs. J. Munday. Welwyn Gardeo City, Herts. Spaniel (Sussex) sh th Gaweynt Y. Gogledd: Mrs. D. Ferguson, Mold, Clwyd, Brittany: Walgoreg Incroyable: Mr K. Gorman, Lutterworth, Leicestershire, English setter: Tattersen Classic Lines: Mr and Mrs. A. Grimsdell, Godaiming, Surrey. Godalming, Surrey,
German, Wire-haired Pointer: Ch
Benreeda Wolfgang of Jacinto: Mrs
P Demoster, Aberdreenshire. Hangarian Virsla: Pilswarren Isaac of
Szentendra: Mr and Mrs S Bicknell,
Pulborough, W Sussex, Pointer: sh
ch Hookwood Startight Express: Ms
S Welch, Ilield Wood, W Sussex,
Retriever fitat-coaled: sh ch Kenjo
Black Maric Mr and Mrs J Rudkin, Si
Albans. Herts. Spaniel (Weish
springer): sh ch Russelhill Royal
Salute over Nyllam: Mr T Graham,
Askham-in-Furness, Cumbria.

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Welmaraner: sh ch Ansona Pundey:
Mr G Haran, Beith, Ayrshire.
German short-baired pointer: sh ch
Hillanhi Heisen: Mrs M Baies,
Nuncaono, Warks, Irish setter: sh ch
Thendara Okay Yaa: Ms D Milligan,
Leicester, Reitriever (Chesapeake
Bay) Wight Wizzard at Nunneswood: Mr and Mrs A Woods,
Newport, Isle of Wight, Spankel
feockeri: sh ch Canigou Cambrai:
Mrs P Bentiey, Shrewsbury, Salop,
Spankel (English springer): Wadeson Step to Stardom at Sericum: Mrs
A Swales, Wareham, Dorset,
Retriever (golden): Saodu sky
Rhamsin al Irewater: Miss J Clark,
Carmarthen, Dyfed.

### Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.D.F. Biles and Miss A.S. Pugh The engagement is announced between Jonathan, eldest son of Mr and Mrs John Biles, of St Fagans, Cardiff, and Alison Sian. only daughter of Mr and Mrs Lyndon Pugh, of Lisvane, Cardiff. Mr P.D. Bird

and Miss L.V. Holmes The engagement is announced between Peter David, younger son of Mr and Mrs C.M. Bird, of Wilmslow, Cheshire, and Lucy Victoria, only daughter of Mr Tim Holmes, of Thorpe-by-Water, Rutland, and of Mrs Jennifer Holmes, of Grafton Underwood, Northamptonshire.

Mr C.P. Boden and Miss R.J. Taylor

The engagement is announced between Conor Peter, younger son of Mr and Mrs Ivar Boden, of of Mr and Mrs (var 600en, of Richmond, Surrey, and Rosalind Jane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Stephen Taylor, of Syresham, Northamptonshire. Mr.I.D.G. Lack

and Miss E.V.J. Stephens The engagement is announced between James, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Andrew Luck, of Welwyn Garden City, and Emma, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Jonathan Stephens, of Ewhurst, Surrey.

and Miss Y.S. Hudson The engagement is announced between Mark, eldest son of Mr D. Owen, CBE, QPM, and Mrs P. Owen, of Llandudno, Gwynedd and Sonja, youngest daughter of Mrs R.H. Graham and stepdaughter of Mr K. Graham, of

Mr M.D. Owen

Knutsford, Cheshire

and Miss H.J. Manktelow

The engagement is announced between Alistair, son of Mr R.J. Pearson and Mrs M.H. Pearson. of Winchester, Hampshire, and Helen, eldest daughter of the Right Rev Michael and Mrs Manktelow. of Chichester, West Sussex.

Mr B. Pulic

and Miss J.A. Clarke The forthcoming marriage between Boyan Pulic of Johannes-burg, South Africa, and Jessica Clarke, of Haddenham. Bucking-hamshire. will take place in Landon on June 7, 1996

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Mr J.C.N. Rashbrooke and Miss C.N. Butler

The engagement is announced between Justin Charles Neil, only son of Dr John Rushbrooke and of Mrs Rosemary Rushbrooke, both of Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, and Nell, daughter of Sir Robin and Lady Butler, of Herne Hill, London.

Mr H.J. Sleigh and Miss J.C. Morgan

The engagement is announced between Jan, eldest son of Mr Roy Sleigh, of Lyme Regis, Dorset, and Mrs Joanna Sleigh, of Colvion, Devon, and Justine, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Morgan, of Radlett, Hertfordshire.

Mr D.W. Tinsley and Miss A. Davis

The engagement is announced between David William, son of Mr and Mrs John Tinsley, of Branston, Lincolnshire, and Ange, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Davis, of Ickenham, Middh

#### Service dinners Airborne Gunner Officers

Major-General C.G. Cornock Honourary Regimental Colonel of the 7th Parachute Regiment Royal Horse Artillery, was the principal guest at the annual reunion dinner of past and present members of the 7th Regiment Royal Horse Artillery and Airborne Gunners held last night at Woolwich. University of Wales Air

Squadron Air Chief Marshal Sir John Alli-

son, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief Logistics Command, and Professor Keith Robbins, Senior Vice-Chancellor of the University of Wales Lampeier, were the guests of honour at the annual dinner of the University of Wales Air Squadron held last night at RAF St Athan. Squadron Leader Steve Townsend, Commanding Officer, presided. Among others present were:

The AIr Difficer Commanding and Commandant RAF College Cran-well, the Air Officer Wales, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Wales Cardiff, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Gamorgan, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Gamorgan, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Wales Swansea and members of the academic staff from Aberysmyth, Bangor, Cerdiff, Glemorgan, Lamperer and Swansea Universides,

#### **Dinners**

Viscount Allenby Viscount and Viscountess Allenby

entertained members and guests of the International Cultural Exchange at a dinner held last night at the House of Lords. The Ambassador of Paraguay was the guest of honour. Merchant Taylors' School,

Mr Ralph Goulden, President of

the Merchant Taylors' Old Boys' Association (Old Crosbeians) was in the chair at the annual London dinner held last night at the Naval and Military Club. Canon Donald Gray, Mr Gwilym Roberts and Colonel Dai Morgan also spoke. The Master and the Clerk of the Merchani Taylors' Company were present.

Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators The following to be officers of the Guild of Air Pilets and Air Navigators for the ensuing year. Master, Dr Jan Petty: Masterelect, Mr Ronald Bridge; Wardens, Cappain Rodley Fulton, Aig Tarshal Sir Donald Hall and Caption John Hutchinson.

FOOTH SUNGEY IN LENS
ABERDEEN CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10.15 5
Euch, Sumsion in F. Ave Verum (Mozari),
the Provost: 6.30 SE. Give us the wings of
fallh (Bullock). Stanford in B flat, Lord let
me know mine end (Greene), the Provost. me know mine end iGreene, the Provos.
BELFAST CATHEDRAL: 10 HC; 11 Choral
C. Stanford in 8 ftat, Expectants expectavi
(Wood); 3.30 Choral E. Stanford in G, O
thou the central orb (Wood).
BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL: 9 MP; 9.15
HC; 11 Choral Euch, Harwood in A ftel.
Sicut cervus [Palestrine], Rev P Fisher; 4
Choral E. Responses iByrd), the King of love
[Bairstowl, Canon J Cooper. (Bairstow), Canon J Cooper.

BRISTDL CATHEDRAL: 740 M; 8 HC: 10
Choral Euch, Jackson in G. Ocuil omnium
(Wood), Canon A Rediemi: 3.30 Choral E.
the Second Service | Leighton|. Greater Love
!!relands, the Dean.

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 M.
RI Rev H Monteflore; 11 S Euch, Canterbury
Mass (Moore), Rev N Hall; 3.15 E. For five
volces (Weelkes): 6.30 Compiline, Mr D
Stoul.

SBULL CARLISTE CATHEDRAL: 7.45 M: 8 HC: 10.30 S Euch, Schuben in G, the Bishop: 3 E. Purcell in G minor, Jehova quam muiri suni hostes mei (Purcell). sun hosts mel (Purcell).

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL: 7.30 MP. 8
HC. the Provost; 9.30 Euch & Parade, the
Vice Provost; 11.15 S Euch, Missa Brevis
(Palestrine). Canon B Thompson: 6 Choral
E, the Gloucester Service [Howells], Lord let
me know mine end Greene). Rev J Jones.

CHESTER CATHEDRAL: 7.45 L: B HC: 10
Euch, Shori Service [Baiter], Call to
remebrance (Farrant), the Dean; 11.30
Choral M. Te Deurné Jubilate [Britten in C.
Greater Lave Itrelandi: 3.30 Choral É.
Edmund H Fellowes in D: 6.30 E. Canon D
Conway. Edmund H Fellowes in Dr. 0.30 E. Canton D. CONWAY.
CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 M. Naylor in G. [Benedicté.]. Rt Rev M. Manktelow: 11 S. Euch, Missa Brevis (Palestrina), the Treasurer; 3.30 E. Howells In G. In Chichester (Palestrina); The Treasurer; 3.30 E. Howells In G. 10 M & Setmon. Miserere [Palestrina]; 11.15 S. Euch. Missa aerema Christi munera (Palestrina); 6 E. Jesus Service (Mathias). There is an old beile! [Matthew).

Day one
Toy end utility
Lowchen: ch Beaution, Brahms 'n'
List, Messrs Gaunt and Scarth,
Leeds, Boston Terrier, Nertos, Little
Miss Dynamite: Mr and Mrs P
Keenan, Glassow, Japanese Akitas:
ch Oktumi, Love Action, Mr D
Killitlea, Nonlingley, Bleison Frise:
Penwyvem, White Dlamond, Mr
and Mrs P Cole, Bodmin, Cornwall,
Chibisalisa (Smooth): ch Diella
Premy In Pink, Mrs E Lunney,
Welling, Kent, Griffon Brazeñois,
ch Dozmare, Distinctive, Mr G Lee,
Walsall, West Mids, Buildog,
Medbull, Gold Dust Over Kelloe,
Messrs McHale and Bruton,
Brighton, Chow chow, ch Chiloe,
Casanova, Mrs S Vartey, Rotherham,
South Yorks, Japanese SpitzPennypol, Ice Prince of Iceflow, Mr
and Mrs A Robinson, Chesterfield,
Derbys, Keeshond, Neradmik, Dnce
Upon a Drazam, Mrs J Sharp-Bale,
Ringwood, Hants, Chlaese Crested;
Foo Foo of Brierdene by Debrita;
Mrs T Dixon, Stretford, Menchester,
Japanese Chin; Dackombe Surprise
Surprise of Slipperion; Mrs B
Patierson, Bognor Regis, West
Sussex, King Charles Spaniel;
Mapile Hurst Boy Blue; Miss S
Warers, Reading, Bertshire, German
Spitz (Klein); ch Grovelyn Little
Vixen: Mrs C Harrop, Gwynedd,
North Wales, Poodle (Shandard); ch
Bay Breeze Prince ol Tides at
Monitavis: Miss P Glibis, York,
Poodle (Tor); ch Valetta Love Alfair,
Tibretan Spaniel; ch Wildhern Ice-n-COVENTRY CATHEORAL: 7,40 MP: 8 COVENIET CATHEORAL 7.40 MF. 8
Communion: 10.30 Euch. Stoneleigh
Serling (Wright), Holy is the true light
(Harris, Canon V Feull: 5.30 E. Collegium
Regale [Howells], Teach me O Lord (Byrd).
DURHAM CATHEORAL: 8 HC: 10 M. Boyce
Lord (Byrd). Collegium
Lord (Byrd). Collegium
Lord (Byrd). In C. Almighty God which has me brought.
Canon S Pedies: 11.15 HC. Missa Brevis
Berkiely, Canon D Hodgson: 3.30 E. Wood
in E flat (No.1). D Lord look down from
heaven (Battishill).
ELY CATHEDRAL: 8,15 HC: 10.30 S Euch,
Mass in E minor (Bruckner). The Precentor:
3.45 E. Greene in C. And with his stripes we
are heated (Hendel).

Smart in B flat. Hall Gleddening light (Wood).

LEICESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 M: 10.30 Euch. Mozart in D. God be in my head (Devies). The Provost: 4 Choral E. Sunction in G. Hymn to the Mother of God (Tavenen). Canon R Freeman.

LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10.30 S Euch. Jackson in G. the Lamenlation (Bairstow). Bogorodize Dyevo (Rechmantnow): 3.30 E. Collegium Magdalenee Oxoniense (Leighton), Ave Maria (Farsons). UNCOLN CATHEDRAL: 7.45 L: 8.12.30 HC: 8.45 M. A. unison communion (Sunsisoni). the Chancellor. 11.15 Solemn Euch. Schubert in G. Rev Dr N. Alidrit; 3.45 E. Gloucester Service (Howells). The Lord is my shepherd (Stanford).

LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL: 8 MP & HC: 10.30 L & Euch. V Williams in G minor. Rev G Davies: 3 Charal E. the Second Service (Byrd). Canon N Vincent: 4 HC. LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M & L: 8.

12.15 H Euch. the Dean: 9 Partsh Euch, Rev J Redvers Harris; 11 5 Euch. Collegium Regale (Howells), Sicut cerrus desiderat ad fontes: Palestrina). Rev Boon-Hor Khod: 3.30 Choral E. Murrill in E. A prayer of Dadu (Thornas); 6.30 Pardsh E & Sermon, Rev Nourill Stand Study. MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8.45 MP; 9 HC: 10.5 Euch Missa Dougn glorogen.

MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8.45 MP; 9

# Church services tomorrow

est regnum (Vinoria), Canon J Atherton; 6.30 E Noble in A minor, Canon J Atherton. 6.30 E Noble in a minor, Canon J Atherton.

NEWPORT CATHEDRAL 8 HC: 10.30

Family Euch, God so loved the world
(Stainer). Sonata No 12 in D flat
(Rheinberger): 6.30 E, Si Woolos Service
(Shephard), the secret of Christ (Shephard)
PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL: 8 L: 8.15

HC: 9.30 M, Benedicite in B flat (Purcell):
10.30 Euch, Schubert in G, Now the God of
peace [Knight), the Deant 3.30 E, Greene in
C, Sicul Cervus (Palestrina). peace [Knight, the Dean; 3.30 E, Greene In C, Sicul cervus (Palestrina).

SALISBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC, the Chanceline 10 Euch, Utany (Tallis), Missa-Bel amfirit altera" (Lassus), Very Rev H Dickinson; 11.30 M, Benedicte In B flat (Sumsion), Turn my face from my sins lattwood, Reva Philip; 3 E, Rubbra in A flet. Remember D Lord what Is upon us (Walmisley).

SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.45 MP, 10.30 S Euch. St Nicholas Mass (Haydn). The heavens are telling (Haydn), the Provost: 6.30 E & Sermon, Hide not thou face (Farrant), Second Service (Gibbons), Canon J Sincleir.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 11 Choral Euch, Mass in G (Williems), Tota pulchra es (Durufle), Rev H Cunliffe: 3 E, Standford in G, Ave Marta (Parsons), Rev R Royle.

WAKEFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC. Canon D Baxier: 9.15 Parish C, Canon I Knot; 11 Solemn Euch, Mass for five volces (Byrd), Benedictie (Jackson), Hide not thou thy face (Farrant), Canon I Knot; 4 E, Noble in B minor, Cast me not away (Wesley), Bishop J Finney.

WELLS CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.45 S Euch.

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WELLS CATHEDRAL: 8 HC, 9.45 5 Euch, Missa Grevis (Palestrina), Mr John Baxier: 11-30 M, Benedictus (Dyson in F), Benedictus (Ireland in F), Hide not thou thy laze (Farrani): 3 E. Purcell in G minor, O Lord God of bosts (Purcell), Rev E Cross.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10 M, Benedictus (Harris), My beloved spake (Hadley): 11.15 Euch, Mass in G minor

(Williams), Litany to the Holy Spirit (Hurford), Canon CSemper, 3 E. Darke in F., I love the Lord (Harvey), G. Holdroyde, 5.45 Organ; 6.30 E. Canon D Gray. westminster catheoral: 7.8.9.12, 5.30, 7 Mass: 10.30 Soleron Mass, Missa Nigra sum (falestrina). Ne reminiscaris (fallips): 10 Mr. 3.30 Soleron V&B. Magnifical print tool (victoria). 1ehovah quam mulit sunt hostes (Purcell). Rhapsody Ho 3 in C minor throwelse: 4.30 Sunday Rechal. winces rectal.

WinchEster Cathedral 10.30 M.
Benedicus (Sbon Service) (Globous). Leroy
Kyrle (Taverner). Rev C Stewart: 11.30 Euch.
Messe Solennelle (Vierne): 3.30 E. Quion
tone (Praetorius). tone (Practorius).

YORK MINSTER: 8,8.45 HC: 10 S Euch, Canterbury Service (Moora), Rev Dr R Hallbungh: 11.30 M, The Lamentation (Balrstow), Benedictus in G (Sunsion): 4 E, Neylor in A, And with his stripes (Hendel), Rev Dr J Toy.

ST ASAPH CATHEDRAL Clwyd: 9.30 Service for Mothering Sunday, For the beauty of the earth (Runer), Angelus ad Virginem (Rose): 3.30 Choral E, Moetan in D, Cantique de Jean Racine (Feurt). D. Cantique de Jean Racine (Feure).
ST GAVID'S CATHEDRAL: 8 HC. 9.30
Cymun Bendigaid; 9.30 Family Euch, the
Minor Canon; 11.15 Choral M. The
Lamentarion (Bairsow), Iraland in F
Gubilare), the Canon; 6 Choral E. Wood in E
liet No.1. Salvaior mundi (Blow), the
Succentor. ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL Southwark: 8,10.6 LM; 11.30 Solemn M. Fr G Bradley. a, i.o. LM: 11.30 Solemn M, Fr G Bradley.
ST GILES' CATHEDRAL, Edibburgh: 8
Morning HC, Rev D Robertson: 10 Morning
HC, Rev C Kenny, Missa brevis (Leighton);
11.30 Morning, Very Rev Dr w Macmilian,
Domine ex eud! (Gabrialli; 6 Lenten
Address, Prof I Campbell; 8 Evening, Rev D
Robertson.

central Orb (Wood), the Dean: 3.15 Restal E. 5 mart in B Bat, and I saw another angel (Stanfort), the Archibishop.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, London: B HC: 8.45 M: 11 S Euch, Missa Salve Intemerata Vingo (Tallis). Hymn to the Mother of God (Tavener), the Ven G Cassidy, 3.15 E, Naylor in A, The Lord is my shepherd (Berkeley), Rev I Hiney; 5.15 Organ.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, WI: 8.5.15 LM: 10.20 MP: 11 HM, Mass in B Bat Ischuben), the Vicar, 6 Solemn E&B, Sumston in G, Dr C Rawli, Reader.

ALL SOUIS, Lampham Place, WI: 9 ALL SOULS, Langham Place, WI: 9 Cootmunion; H Mothering Sunday, Rev R Tice: 6.30 Mr D Turner. THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, WI: II
Missa brevis [Selber]. Ne timeas Maria
(Vinoria), Eram quasi agnus (Vinoria) CROWN COURT CHURCH DF SCOTLAND, Coveni Garden, WCZ: 11.15, 6.30 Rev S Hood. Hood.
HDLY TRINITY BRDMPTON, Brompton Road, SW7: 9 ASB HC, Mr T Presc. II informal Service, Mr T stilweit; 5.7.30 informal Service (HC), Rev S Millar, THE DRATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7.3.9,10.11 Mass. Missa Scala Aretina (Valisi, Nisi Dominus (Carissimi); 12.30, 4.30, 7 Mass; 3.30 V & B, Amen dico vobis (Wert). (Wert).

ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH: Iverna Coins. W8: 11 Holy Mass, Archbishop Y Gizirian.

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 9.45 HC; 11 Morning Service, Rev P Hulme.

WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SWI: 10 Prayer & Meditation; 11 HC: 6.30 E Praise, Rev Dr P Graves,

ST ALRANS. Keyl. Med: 9.45 MP: 10.30 S o.30 E TRISE, REV DI P GIRNES, ST ALBAN'S, Kent, ME4: 9.45 MP; 10.30 S Mass & Sermon ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St. EC2: 11 Choral HC, Rev Dr J Schneider: 7 Bach Vespers, "Gott ist mein Konig" (Cantata No. 71), Rev P 8chmeige.

ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Soththeld, ECI; 9 HC: 11 Choral Euch, Missa Collegium Regale (Howells), Ave Maria (Busno), the Rector; 6.30 E. Humbry in Fminot. Land let me know mine end Greene), The Rector. ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 Cboral M & Euch. Benedicite [Lloyd in B flat), Stanford in C, Ave Maria (Parsons), Canon J Oates: 6.30 Choral E. Magnificat Nunc. Diminis (Dyson in F), Gelstilches Lied (Brahms), Gutid Chaptain Wallace Boulton. ST CLEMENT DANES: 11 Choral Euch. Missa Brevis in C (Mozarti, The Lord is my Shepherd (Schubert), Rev R Noble. ST COLUMBAS CHURCH OF SCOTTAND, Pom Street, SWI: 11 Rev W Cairns; 6.30 Rev C MacLood. C MarLeod.
ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: 9,11 S Mass,
Missa Brevis in B flat (Mozart), D Salutaris
Hostia (Rossini).
ST GEDRGE'S, Hanover Square, Wi: 8.30
HC: 11 S Euch; 11 Missa Sine Monie
(Hassler), Ave Maria (Rachmaninov). The Rector,
ST JAMES'S, Sussex Gardens, W2: 8 Buch;
10.30 5 Eoch, Darke in e othnor, Then shall
the lame man leap (Wesley), Rev A
Meldrum; 6 Choral E, Farrant in E minor,
Crux Bdells (Clemens non Papa).
ST JAMES'S, Piczadilly: 8.30 HC: 11 S Euch,
Rev D Recreex 5.45 EP.
ST JOHN'S, Stratford E15: 11 Family C,
March on e Theme of Handel (Guilmant),
Maria Holmden; 6.30 EP & Praise, Rev D
Richards.
ST JUSTES Chelege 5873: 9.12 15 MC.

Maria Hollmoet; 6.30 EP & Pfairs, Rev D Richards.

ST LURES, Cheisea. SW3: 8.12.15 HC; 10.30 Family Euch, Be unto me D Lord e lower of strength (Byrd), Rev D Watson; 6.30 E. When David beard (Weelkes), Rabbi J Ncuberger "Life & Death in Judalson; ST MARES, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC; 10.305 Euch, Ireland in C. Gelstliches Lied (Brahms), Rev J Charer.

ST MARGARETS, Westminster, SW1: 11 S Eoch, Missa Sanctae Johannes de Deo H7 (Haydin), Averum corpus (Mozard, Ex ora indocentin (Ireland), Rev B Penton.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8.12.30 HC, Rev W Ratchford; 9.45 Euch, Rev J Bennett; 11.30 Visitors, Rev W Ratchford; 2.45 Chinese, Rev J Bennett; 5

Choral E: 6.30 Lent Healing. ST MARY ABBOTS CHURCH, Kenshigton Wil 8,12.30 HC: 9.30 Parish Euch. Rev D Barnock I I. IS Choral M, Rev F Geill: 6:30 E, Rev F Geill. ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, 5WI: 9.10.7 LM: ss in C (Schubert). Fr P Laister: 6 Solemn E&B.

ST MARY-THE-VIRGIN, Primrose Hill: 8
HC: 10.30 Parish Euch, Messe Basse (Faure). The Lord is my Shepberd (Schubern), Rev J Ownden; 6 Taize Scrivice.
ST PAULS, Wilton Place, SWI: 8,9 Solemn Euch; 11 Missa beata Virginum (Zipolii, Ave Maria (Holst), D bone Jesu (Brahms), Rev C Countauld. ST SIMON ZELOTES, Milner St., SW3: 8 HC: 11 S Euch. Darke In F. Joys seven (Cleobury), Ave Maria (Amendeli); 6.30 F. Canon Porter. ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8,9 LM: 11 SM, Missa di Gioria (Puccini), The Lord is my Shepherd (Rutter), Canon C Colven: 6 Stations of the Cross & Benediction

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CHAPEL RDYAL DF ST PETER AD VINCULA, HM Tower of London; 9.15 HC: 11 M & Sermon, Jubilate [Gibbons] Second Service), Joseph Heber (Praetorius), Canon J Murphy, OYAL St. James's Palace: 8.30 HC: 11.15 MP, Remember not D Lord our offences (Purcell), the Ven F Bentley.
GROSYENOR CHAPEL South Audley Street, W!: 11 S Euch, Missa Eliensis (Wilis), Come Holy Chost (Atwood), Litany of the Holy Sphil (Hurford), Rev S Hobby.
QUEEN'S CHAPEL DF THE SAVOY. WC2: 11 S Euch, treiand in C. Rev C Hill.
THE TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Sireet: 8.30 HC: 11.15 MP, Benedictie omnia opera (Dyson in F), Benedictus (Dyson in F), Cast me not away from thy presence (Wester). The Masser.
GUARD'S CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks: 11 M. Audi beolgmo conditor (Plainsong), Salvator mundi (Tailily), Band of the Grenadler Guards, Rev J Jeonings; 12 HC. ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEI, I Sening (Chapter), Sign (1) I S Euch, Schubert in G, I will sing with the spirit (Rutter). Rev C French.

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Love the Lord your God, obey him, and hold fast to him: that is life for you and length of days. Deuteronomy 50: 20 (REB)	Pel Cui Pel Kat
BIRTHS	PHIL 111 Ho
BROOKS - On March 12th, to	Gb
Chris and Jonet, a daughter, leobel Serah, a sister for Thomas, Julis and Jonethan.	SEL
COMMIN - On March 11th at The Portland Hospital, to Samunita (née Harris) and	Ger 195 and Ger
Paul, a son, Jumes Alex. DAVIES - Hayden and Helen	Mil
(née Botler) are pleased to ennounce the birth of their son. Thomas James, born 10th March 1996 weighing 78s 5cc.	Mr. Ter lette Mr
AMBRON - On March 8th at home in Madrid, to Surah; (nes Hodson) and David, a son, Cameron Valette, a brother for Benjamin and Donating.	STA 12t 2td Lat
GARLICK - On March 14th 1996, to Andrew and Angels, a son, Offver James,	MA
GRAHAM-CAMPBELL - On 8th March in Stirling, to Charles and Joania (nee Butcher), a son, Frederick ROSO, a brother for labella.	18 Reg to J
HARRYMAN - On 11th March, to Lindsay (nea	=
Swan) and Bruce, a son. Alastat Stuart, a brother for Naomi.	DE
HUGHES - On 8th March, to Sophie (née Asscher) and Prails, a beautiful son, Oscar Joseth Asscher.	Mar her Sal

JAGO - On March 10th 1996 to Geraldhe (née Malle) and Daniel, a daughter, Flore Elizabeth, a sister for Emily.

LEAR - On March 8th 1996, to Heultwer (née Davies) and Joh, a daughter, Angharad Mary Rose, R. elster for Mogan and Jack.

in MAITHE - On March 14th at Pempory Hosaltal, to Christopher and Sarah (née Paldhouse), a handsome son,

LAGBASI - Dn March th at The Portland spilet, to Bonia (née ikotu) and Philip. a ALL - Cameron Gerald sectives born 11th March 1995 at Queen Cheriotie's caldine Dallacher and like Sell. a brother to corplan and a grandson to 173 Joyce Bell and Mrs steam Gallacher and to the temporal of the corplan and a grandson to the corplan and a grandson to the temporal Gallacher and transcription of the corplan and the Mr Gerald Gallacher and tr Geoffrey Sell.

ACPOOLE - On Marci th, to Camilla (née Decter d Mark, a desgater, Kitt ura, a sister for Hangah RRIAGES

Jackie Smith, Wishing yo The best for the future, we, Julie and Family. ATHS

AVARIAN - Salime, cm 14th March 1996 peacefully at her home in Mortlake, Salime Avakian (něe Dahdah), wife of the late Dikran Avakian, dasrby loved mother of Luela. Rosette, Hapon, Mohran, Nazaret and Silva and a devoled grandmother. Requism Mass at S Pekar's Armenian Church, Cranley sequent Mass at St Feld's Armenian Church, Cranley Gardans. SW7 on Monday 18th March et 12.45 pm followed by burial at Pomery Vale Cametery. She will be addly missed by Avakian, Dahdeb, Lindberg and

DEATHS . CALDERBANK - Alan BSc M8c ITOX) PhD Cohem FRSC DAST ded pescetully at home aged 68 on March 12th. Dearty loved husband, father and grandfather; will be sorely missed. Funeral Service at the Church of the Assumption of Our Lady, Engletied Gram. 21st March at 11.30 cm. Family flowers only. Donations to Midney/Comoer Research if desired. Enquiries to tel: (01344) 20266. CARO - On 18th March in Aorkland, New Zenland, David Caro, loving and loved husband of Duicle and father of Simon and Louise.

FISRE - Dorethy (formerly Rean) nie Fearon on LSn March apad 83. Much loved mother and grandmother and sady missed by her step family in LSA. Cremation at Dz.ford Crematorium on 22nd March at 12.15 pm to which family and friends are warmly tovited. Family flowers only but charity flowers only but charity donations it desired to Family flowers only but charity and Sons. Bidstone Close. Choicehill Road. Over Norton, Chipping Norton OX7 SPP. GOTTER - E.P.C. "Pat" International Briago
Compellor and Sportsman,
ded among friends on 8th
March 1996, agod 91.
Funeral at Putney Vale
Crematorium 20th March
11.30 am. No flowers please. CURD - Denis, formerly of the BBC World Service, died peacetally at Kings College Hospital on Saturday 9th March, Will be missed by all

GRESSON - Otive on 14th March at Monmonth Hospital peacetally after a short Siness. A much loved and special person. Mother of Jennifer Napier and Roy Wilson and widow of Martin Gresson. Fimerit Service at DICKNISON - Carey, died a DickettsOft - Carey, died at peace on 16th March 1996. Behaved and adared wife of Johnale and wonderful mother of Tohyn. Ancella and Lefa. Family timeral on Wadnesday 20th March. Details of a Bervice of Thankspiving and Calabration will be amounced later. No flowers, but domained after. No flowers, but domained and the parties of pulliative Care Fund. Scarborough Hospital 2065, t/o St Camerine's Hospice, Scarborough. Monmouth on Thursday
21et March 1996 at
11.50am. Pamily nowers
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to be divided between the
injured Jockeys' Fund and St.
Mary's Church play be sent
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Heward: peacefolly on
March 14th deeply loved
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of Robin, in-law of Angels
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Anna and Charlotte, Funetral
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Hospital, Bristot. Kan.
Haward 19/11/1914 14/3/96. DDWNER - Ruth Marian Adored toving widow o David, mother of Jenny Flickie and Simon, ag-Filekis and Simon, and grandmother to their mine children, died peacefully on 13th March. Memorial Service at St Marry, Stoke D'Abernon, 3 pm Friday 19th April. No flower's please, but doostions to the Azhelmer's Disease Society, 10 Greencoat Place, London, SWI.

HENDERSON - On March 13th 1996, tragically in a read accident. Harry David Druttl. aged 14, deerly beloved son of David and Kate and brother of Alex and Tessa, very much loved grandson. Rephew and cousin of all his grieving family here and overseas, with friends of all aged, in so many places, especially at win frends of all ages, in so many places, especially at Satisfary Cafmetral School while aball cover thee with His feathers' Family only at the funeral on Thursday March 21st. Please pray for us, A Thursdaying Service, in the summer, will be arranged.

HOLMAN - John Arthur, pescentily in his sleep on Thursday 14th March, Beloved husband of Thema Beloved husband of Thebna and much loved father, grandfather and father in law. Funeral Service at The Charch of All Saints, Headley (nr. Bordon), on Thursday 21st March at 1,169m followed by cremation, Family flowers only. Densitions if desired to Royal Britteh Legion c/o Frank Martin, Oakappie Colinge, Beech Hill Road, Headley, Hanna, GUSS 8DW.

LESTER - Caroline Jane sped 51 ded trapically in London on March 11th, betoved daophier of Heather and! Maurice and flancke of Marcus. Fureral at Wymondbam Abbey, Norfolk, on Thursday March 21st at 2 pm. Family Bowess only. Donations, if desired, to Middle Temale et of R.J.! Bartram and Son Funeral Directors, 42 Patient Street, Wymondbam. Norfolk. A Memorial Service will be hold at Temalo Chorch, London, on Thursday May 2nd at 8 pm.

WIDDRE - In Ottawa, on Tuesday, 12th March, 1996. (Emma) Windryed (née Moore) of Rockelifie Park. Formerly of Westmonnt, Quebec, born Montreal, 4th October, 1908. Beloved wife of the inte LL-Cot. 8. Ernest Moore. CD (Commissioned in RMR (Royal Montreal Regimen), 1935; transferred to Cattadian Army (Active). September, 1939, to RAOC, 1942; with Canadian Army Listent Establishment U.K., 1989-1962; Member, TRE Black Waich (R.H.R.) of Canada). Size oractised as R.H., 1931 till 1939, R.H., 1931 till 1939, Montreal, at The Royal Victoria. Jewis General, and The Homosopathte. Hospitals. Married at All Saints' Anglican Church. Othwa. April. 1940. Dear mother of the lake Pamels, and of Rodney and grandmother of African and The Church of St. African the Martyr' on Friday. 15th Harth. at 2 pm. followed by intermed at Beachwood Cemetery. Othwa.

MAYOR - Suddenly on 13th March 1996, at Durbhane Primary Schoot, Dwen Mayor, Primary Dno Teacher, aped 45 years, of Stride of Admn. Beloved wife of Rodney Mayor, dearty loved mother of Eather and Debtic and loving daughter of Ken and Edna Hodson. And the strike of Joan and daughter-in-law of Tost and Francis Mayor. Pusarral Service on Thursday 21st March at Dunblana Cathedral at D am. thoreafter Private. PORTER - On March 14th peacefully at Collingbourne Ducis - James aped 77. belowed hisband of Pealine and father of Michael and the lake Deptime. Cremation for family only. No flowers please. MDONE - In Ottawa, on

SCHERMAN - Pesti former Assistant Conductor of the Toronto Sympaony Orthestre under Str Ernest Machillari) Peacerbilly. On Tueday, March 12th, 1996, at the age of 85 years. Humbond of the line Domna Creed and Benry Nexthrop. Loved by sen Tony and his wife Margaret and their children Leo, Georgia and Clendia: son Marc and his wife Heits; and describer, the late Theo. He will be remembered by samily and numerous friands and colleagues to the world of immic in Canada and abroad. Service of Remembrance Priday, March 18th - 9:30 O'Clock Humpher's Francia Home. Toronto Canada. If desired, memoral donations in bis nums. made to the Reyal Conservatory of Music, 273 filoso Street East, Toronto, Onlario Canada. M5S 1W2, would be appreciated.

SCHIARI - Pandely, die STONE - Dn 15th March IN MEMORIAM --PRIVATE

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CRACIQUELL - In ever loving memory of Freds, dearly beloved first wife of Deshoud and mother of values. Viviame, Roper and Victor, who passed away on March 16th 1980. Our brave, brave "wee one" now safe in the arms of God. GLUBE - John Secot (Clubb Pasha) March 17th 1986. Ten years on "I sank my God spen avary remembrance of yon". Philipp, 1 v3. Rosemary, Jeined by the family.

SMITH Betty and Rosemund. Always remembered, especially today, lon and family, BIRTHDAYS

1996, suddenly at her home to Brinscall, Lancashire, Johanna Gererde, aged 76 years, beloved wife of the late James Winder Stope. Enquiries, Mears B. Liverey Ltd., Chorley, Lanca. (01257) 262602. ANTIQUES & COLLECTABLES

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# GROUP CAPTAIN STUART WILSON-MacDONALD

Group Captain Stuart Wilson-MacDonald, DSO, DFC. wartime lighter pilot and ground attack wing leader, died on February 29 aged 83. He was born in Oban on March 15, 1912.

IN A career which took him from biplanes in the Middle East in the 1930s to the postwar jet age. Duncan Wilson-MacDonald led a squadron in the Battle of Britain and a wing in strafing attacks in the Balkans. In 1048 he secured a niche in aviation history when he led a flight of six Vampires on the world's first crossing of the Atlantic by jet aircraft.

During the Battle of Britain he

commanded No 213 Squadron of Hurricanes at Tangmere in West Sussex, and later took the squadron out to the Middle East. Subsequently, when he commanded a wing in attacks on the Germans in support of partisan movements in Yugoslavia. Albania and Greece, he was delighted to find his old squadron was part of his force.

His reminiscences, recorded for the Imperial War Museum towards the end of his life, capture not only the spirit of careless valour of those who fought the battle for Britain's survival in the summer of 1940, but the sheer joy of flying, even when each sortie might end in violent death. Wilson-MacDonald's unasstoring account speaks of the "mar-velous sight" of the massive German air fleets building up, layer upon layer over Cherbourg before launching their next assault on the ports of southern England. There is, too, the sheer awe as the airman looks down on the vast pall of smoke from London's blazing docks, towering up to 20,000ft and drifting majestically down the Thames and out over the

Channel. At the other end of the spectrum are the small details, the cups of tea and bars of chocolate made available by WVS girls to grateful fighter pilots waiting at dispersal huts for orders to scramble, and the half-eaten lunches. laughingly abandoned on mess tables as the aircrew have to take to the skies for the next round of action.

Though he was scrambled 85 times during the Battle of Britain and subsequently took part in many lowlevel sorties against heavily defended enemy positions over the Adriatic; Wilson-MacDonald was never shot down. Yet as a child he had been so gravely ill for long periods that it was a wonder that he survived to man-

Duncan Stuart MacDonald (he acquired the other half of his surname in 1947 when he married his first Cousin Rosemary Wilson) was the son of an Oban doctor. In his teens he was afflicted by tuberculosis and by severe bours of pleurisy and to death.

After he finished at Oban High School, a patient of his father's, Francis Patmore, son of the poet Coventry Patmore, invited MacDonald to join him on his coffee plantation in Kenya. There he spent the next two years helping Patmore to run the plantation. In 1931, with the Depression severely affecting the business, he returned to Britain. His father wanted him to study



Stuart Wilson-MacDonald after his first solo flight in a de Havilland Tiger Moth at Filton in 1935

medicine, but after giving it a try he decided instead to learn to fly. He joined the RAF Reserve in 1934 and ained a short service commission the following year after going solo. Once qualified as a pilot, he found himself in the Middle East, serving with No 41 Squadron of Hawker Demon biplane fighters. There, the squadron had to perform a number of duties, ranging from intimidating rebellious Yemeni tribesmen by overflying their encampments to delivering mail to the British military personnel on Kamaran Island in the Red Sea, which served as a staging post (and fumigation centre) for pilgrims roaking the long journey from India to Mecca.

After a period as a flying instructor, in 1940 he was given command of a Hurricane squadron, No 213, at Exerer. But soon afterwards it moved to Tangmere where its task was to intercept the massive forces of German bombers and fighters which were launched from Cherbourg against ports and airfields in southern and western Britain. Tangmere attack as the Luftwaffe tried to strangle Fighter Command on its bases. On one occasion a large number of WAAFs were among those killed when the operations room at Tangmere was hit These were desperate days for Fighter Command, and its commanders Dowding and Park were fearfully worried. Yet, as Wilson-MacDonald recalled, in a spirit totally devoid of bravado, the question of being defeated never

entered the pilots' heads: "We had a job to do - and we did it to the best of our ability." Although the Hurricane was no match for the Mel09, Wilson-MacDonald downed one of these and a couple of Mel10s during the Battle of Britain.

It was brought home to him on one occasion just bow close the enemy was, and how short a distance the Germans had to come to invade England. After a doglight with two Mel09s at 35,000ft he descended through cloud, looking for an airfield to land on, when he suddenly became aware that the vehicles he could see on the roads beneath him were driving on the right-hand side of the road. Realising he was not over Sussex but Occupied France he hastily set a westerly course and recrossed the Channel to safety. On several occasions his aircraft was so badly damaged by cannon fire that it was totally written off after he landed. But he never had to crash-

land or bale out. After a period flying from Orkney and Sheiland, where it tried to dor bombers which were menacing the Atlanoc convoys, No 213, still with Wilson-MacDonald in command, went out to the Middle East. There it took part in ground attack operations against the Vichy French in Lebanon and Syria. Later he went to Egypt to form a gunnery school whose aim was to improve the shooting of the pilots of the Desert

As the Mediterranean campaign

island and providing rough-and-ready but effective gunfire spotting moved on to Italy he was put in charge of an attack wing consisting of two South African squadrons of for the destroyer which was, as a Beaufighters and his old squadron, result, able to silence the troublesome No 213, which now flew Mustangs. gun posicion. On another occasion he Operating from bases in the heel of and the CO of No 213 sank an E-boat which had been giving the Navy some anxiety. In 1945 he was award-Italy under the aegis of the Balkan Air Force, this had several jobs. It supported guerrilla movements in ed the DSO to add to the DFC he had Yugoslavia, Albania and Greece, already won in the Battle of Britain. flying in airstrikes on German troops After the war Wilson-MacDonald and strong points, directed by inforconverted effortlessly to the new jet

In July 1948 he led a flight of six Vampires of No 54 Squadron on the first transatlantic flight to be accomrange escort for the bombers of the US 15th Air Force in their raids on targets on Axis-occupied Central and plished by jet planes - a three-stage Eastern Europe. And it belped the Royal Navy in the Adriatic. flight from Stornoway in the Outer Hebrides to Goose Bay, Labrador, In one particular attack on the via lceland and Greenland. Flying exiled King Zog's palace in Tirana, into the teeth of winds often exceed then occupied by the SS, Wilson-MacDonald recalled with amuseing 200mph and in atrocious visibility with cloud almost all the way up to ment seeing German soldiers scrambling through the windows and sliding down the sumptuous 40,000ft, this was a considerable feat, the more so as the airfields that the Vampires used as staging posts had royal red velvet curtains at the back difficult approaches - that to Bluie of the building, as the Mustangs, West in Greenland involved flying roaring in at low level, strafed the down a glacier between sheer walls of primitive landing facili-Sometimes the wing leader inties. The flight provided useful data

> lantic jet flights. .
> Among Wilson-MacDonald's later appointments was command of RAF Sylt in the North Friesian Islands in 1954. His final post was as Air Attaché in Stockholm from 1960 to 1963, when he retired.

for future military and civil transat-

aircraft which were entering service.

Stuart Wilson-MacDonald is survived by his wife Rosemary, and by a son and daughter.

#### MILLAR GAULT

Millar Gault. MBE. horticulturist, rosarian and former Superintendent of Regent's Park, London, died nn March 12 aged 92. He was born on March L 1904.

MILLAR GAULT transformed Regent's Park into one of the finest city parks in the world during the 1950s and 1960s. Gardeners from across the country flocked to admire his magnificent Queen Mary's Garden, planted with an ex-tensive collections of roses, and constantly updated with new cultivars. The standards that he set were maintained after his retirement, and the rose garden now contains some 60,000 roses making a display of unparalleled magnificence during the summer and autumn months. Simpson Millar Gault was

professional horticulturist for the whole of his working life. As a very small child he used to collect plants from the countryside and bring them on in his parents' garden. He trained in his native Scotland. including an apprenticeship at Crathes Castle in Aberdeenshire. He subsequently worked in many gardens, including a period as head gardener to Nancy, Lady Astor, at Cliveden in Buckinghamshire.

During the war he was head gardener at a hospital in Northampton, whose grounds had been turned over to food production. He exhibited vegetables at the Royal Horticultural Society's shows and won a number of awards, a success which encouraged him to write Vegetables for Exhibi-tion in the late 1940s (out of print now, but still ranked as the best book on quality vegetable growing). There followed a spell in the seed industry, first with Suttons of Reading and then with Bees Sealand Nurseries near Chester, where he was put in charge of the

seed trials. Gault's career had turned to parks by the early 1950s, first as Superintendent of Greenwich Park in London. In 1955 he crossed the river to Regent's Park and he remained there for 14 years, until his retire-ment in 1969. Queen Mary's Garden, in the inner circle of Regent's Park, had been established for many years, but Gault massively expanded and improved the display of the roses, building up one of the finest rose gardens in the country - indeed the world. He introduced hardy perennials to grow with the roses - an innovation in his day - and also created herba-

Although his first love was roses, Gault was a knowledgeable all-round plantsman. He was a familiar sight at the

ceous borders.



Royal Horticultural Society's flower shows in Westminster where he put up for award many excellent shrubs and other plants. Christopher Brickell, the former directorgeneral of the RHS, wrote of him: "Few gardeners today can claim such a wide-ranging knowledge of plants as Millar Gault." He was an experienced show judge and exhibitor of roses, and his show displays of roses won many RHS gold medals.

He was involved with the Royal National Rose Society as a vice-president, member of council and honorary horticultural adviser, and he also served on the management committee of the society's gardens at Chiswell Green, Hertfordshire. In 1979 the society awarded him the Dean Hole Medal for his work.

Gault wrote a number of books which have since become classics among gardeners. One of his best known is The Dictionary of Roses in Colour (1971), published in collaboration with the Royal Horticultural Society and the Royal National Rose Society, which he wrote with Patrick M. Synge, a former editor of the RHS Journal. He wrote the modern section uf the book, covering hybrid teas. floribundas and modern shrub roses, which he planted in abundance in Queen Mary's Garden. A companion

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volume is The Dictionary of Shrubs in Colour (1976), published in collaboration with the Royal Horricultural Soci-Gault served on several of

the society's comminees, and it honoured him by awarding him, in 1963, its Victoria Medal of Honour. He was appointed MBE in 1964. Coincidentally he was presented with the VMH and the MBE on the same day in February

He is survived by his wife Phyllis, and their two daughters.

#### **DEWI BEBB**

Dewi Bebb, Welsh rugby international died from cancer oo March 14 aged 57. He was born in Bangor nn August 7, 1938.

DEWI BEBB played rugby 34 times for Wales and later became a leading sports commentator in the Principality. Wales has produced many outstanding wing three-quarters and, in an era when open play was at a premium. Bebb stood comparison with the best. England had good cause to remember him: of his II international tries, six were scored against the English.

Bebb spanned the era between the mid-1950s, as defined by the elusive genius of Cliff Morgan, and that of the late-1960s when such luminaries as Gareth Edwards, Barry John and Gerald Davies were already on the horizon. It was not a successful period for Wales but Bebb's pre-eminence was proved by his

selection for two British Isles tours, to South Africa in 1962 and Australasia four years

He was also proud to be one of the comparatively few North Walians to force his way into the national side. He came from a literary family in Bangor: his father, a lecturer, was a supporter of Plaid Cymru and edited the Welsh language newspaper Y Ddraig Goch. Years later Bebb's involvement with

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TWW, the independent television company serving Wales, began with presentaoon of the Welsh language

programme Y Dydd.
Dewi Iorwerth Ellis Bebb was educated at Friars School. Bangor, and became only the third North Wales Schools player - after Wilf Wooller and Bleddyn Williams - to achieve his senior cap. National Service took him to the Royal Navy and he played for United Services, Portsmouth,

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before entering Trinity College, Carmarthen, in 1958. At the same time he began

mation supplied by partisans on the

ground. Its Mustangs provided long-

dulged in what he called "a little private raiding". On one occasion, after his wing had raided a target on

the Yugoslav mainland, he received a call from a Royal Navy destroyer

asking him to help in suppressing a nest of German guns on an island off

Dubrovnik. Sending the rest of his

Mustangs and the Beaufighters back

to Italy, Wilson-MacDonald spent a

fruitful half-hour cruising over the

his long career with the Swansea club; two matches after his debut he was picked for Wales against England, aged 20. "Is quick off the mark and elusive. Should do well despite the threat of England's Jackson," the match programme said of him, prophetically. Bebb marked his entry to international rugby with the only try of the game, skimming over the mud to elude his marker, Peter Jackson.

He had to exist on short commons for Swansea and became accustomed to going in search of the ball, a habit which served him particularly well at Twickenham in 1964 when he scored two tries from

the left wing. He shared in the triple crown success of 1965 and ended his international career against England too, scoring a try in the 1967 game in Cardiff which went down in history as Keith Jarrett's match and denied England a triple crown. His first major tour, in 1962, held promise of success since, as a sprinter who clocked 9.9 seconds for 100 yards, the hard grounds of South Africa should have suited him. But injury prevented his appearance until mid-tour, and the 1966 tour with the British Isles, despite consistent de-feats by the All Blacks, proved far more successful: he appeared in all six internationals against Australia and New Zealand and led the way with 14 tries in all

In 1964 he left the teaching profession and joined TWW. subsequently moving into sports commentary and pro-

When Harlech Television took over the franchise for the region he edited the Sports Arena programme and con-tributed substantially to television coverage of the 1987 and 1991 World Cups before turning freelance in 1992. His work for television won him many plaudits but he suffered a brain tumour in 1994.

He leaves his wife Morwen. and two sons.



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#### ARREST OF MR. ON THIS DAY WHITAKER WRIGHT. NEW YORK, March 1S

Mr. Whitaker Wright was arrested this morning on landing from the French Transatlantic Company's steamer La Lorraine. He was taken to the police headquarters and thence to the Tombs Police court, where he was brought before a magistrate and charged

with being a fugitive from justice. The magistrate ordered the prisoner to be handed over to the custody of Linned States marshals, who took Mr Wright to Ludlow-Street gaol. The arrest was effected by New York City detectives at the request of the London Commissioner of Police. Mr. Wright was accompanied by a tall young woman, who said she was his niece. The arrest was effected without any trouble. Mr. Wright and his niece occupied one of the finest deck suites, Nos. 116. 18, and 120 on the port side. Mr. Wright was sitting at his desk writing when the two detectives, who had come on board the

Lorraine to make the arrest, caught sight of a

woman sitting near him. They waited until she

had gone on deck and then entered the cabin.

"Mr. Wright?" asked one of them. He did not

deny that that was his name, and was then told

that he was under arrest. He said that the

affair in connexion with which he had been

March 16, 1903

Whitaker Wright, a financier who made (and lost) fortunes, was found guilty of fraud in London in January 1904 and sentenced m seven years' penal servitude. But he had secreted a cyanide pellet which he took after sentence and died within the hour.

arrested was a business transaction, and added that he understood that the matter had all been seuled in Parliament. Mr. Wright expressed his willingness to go as inconspicu-ously as possible, and said he desired to avoid publicity. He asked that the matter might be kept out of the papers. Going on the deck, Mr. Wright informed his lady companion of his arrest. The prisoner reached the Tombs Policecourt before the magistrate, Mr. Barlow, arrived. When Mr. Barlow arrived Mr. Wright was taken before him. The clerk and the detectives briefly explained the arrest to Mr. Barlow. The United States marshals said that they had warrants charging Mr. Wright with being a fugitive from justice. The magistrate signed an order handing the prisoner over to the U.S. authority and Mr. Wright was then removed from the Court.

It was only on Saturday afternoon that the police authorities in New York were informed by cable that Mr. Wright had sailed in La Lorraine, which arrived yesterday morning a few hours later than was expected. Although several detectives have been pursuing in-quiries on the French coast, in Paris, and in most of the large cities of France for some days. it was not until Saturday morning that banknotes which were known to have been in Mr. Wright's possession in London were found in the French capital. This clue speedily led to other evidence as to the course followed by the missing man, and the detectives who were watching the various ports of departure were apprised of the information. Mr. Wright's personal appearance aided the work of investigation considerably and the fact having been established that he had visited and had apparently left Paris, it was not then a difficult matter to trace him to Havre, where it was very quickly learns that a gentleman answering to his description had sailed under a foreign name by the French Transatlatic Company's liner La Lorraine.

#### NEWS **Nation unites for Dunblane tribute**

In a collective act of respect and an expression of deep sorrow. much of Britain will observe a minute's silence tomorrow in memory of the 17 victims of the Dunblane massacre and in solidarity with those left behind to grieve for them.

As the nation prepeared to mourn with the Scottish city. doctors struggled to save the life of Amie Adam, five. Her thigh was shattered by bullets when the killer struck in the gymnasium of Dunblane Primary School .....

The inquiries: Lord Cullen, the Scottish High Court judge heading the public inquiry on the shooting, began work amid mounting public pressure for answers from police and local authorities about Thomas Hamilton ......

The hospital: A doctor who was among the first to enter the school gymnasium explained how she overcame her horror to tend to the injured children ....

The school: The children of Dunblane Primary School will go back to lessons next Friday, nine days after the massacre, governors said..

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A solicitor who rugby-tackled the wife of a wealthy client was convicted of assault and false imprisonment... .. Page 5

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Proposals to let everyone save for 6. substantial second pension in addition to the state scheme are to be unveiled by Labour......Page 6 Island strife

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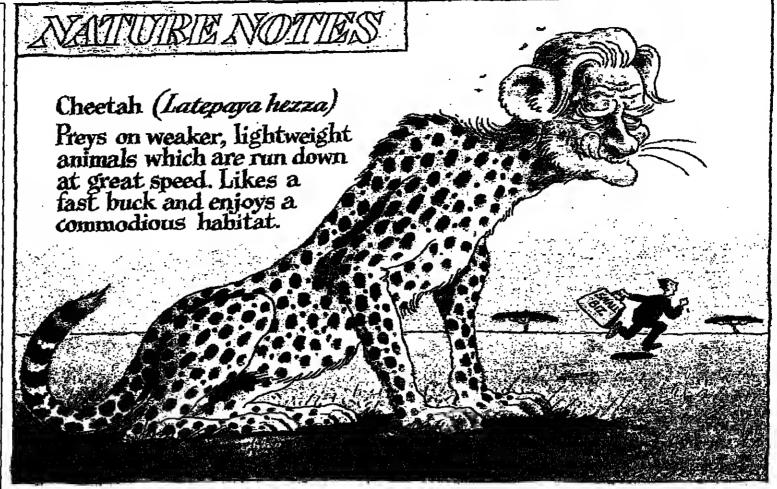
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The Communist-dominated Russian parliament laid on a spectacular piece of political theatre by ruling the accord that ended the Soviet Union void... Poetry in Kabul

The Mujahidin poet never faltered as the incoming rocket fire crashed around the isolated government-held outpost, a shell-shattered hotel ..

#### Paying lip-service to the law

■ The Italian Supreme Court overturned a man's jail sentence for sexual harassment, saying that kissing a female colleague in public on the neck was not a criminal offence. "There are lustful kisses and non-lustful kisses," the judges said.



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Collective error: If the Conservative Party is going to divide over Europe, it will do so with or without a referendum. But if ministers are free to register their case, the campaign will be conducted with ... Page 21 honesty .....

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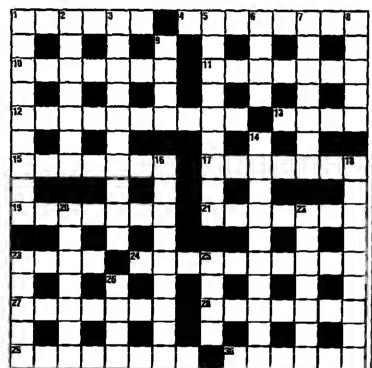
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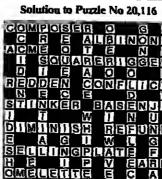


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- Crown and Sceptre, say (7). 11 To flower, it turns brown (7).
- 12 One who works for a capitation 13 Protuberance in the back row (4).
- 15 Pulled in for lottery in pub (7).
- 17 Sort of pipe in middle of the ear (4-
- 19 One expected to shoot a large-leaved plant (7). 21 Doctor in operation going round
- holding a small knife (7). 23 Bar codes a vegetable displays (4).
- 24 Drink up! (7-3). 27 Hands, for example, to one nat-
- ional (7). 28 Embrace link an American may
- take to be formal (7).
- 29 Excite tribesman to perform dance (8)
- 30 Editor accepts leader is drawn out

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- I Globe-fish is enough for a mundane chap (9). 2 Wasted writer (7).
- 3 Like flier representing US, having no regard for the consequences (4-
- 5 Mrs. Cripps, though, has wrong cruet with pepper at first (9).6 He has the bed-head removed (4).
- 7 God, I see it's said, is great (7). 8 Panic after first losing shirt, sort of? That's a mistake (5). Happily unaffected when ends are switched (4).
- 14 Articulated to make clear (10). 16 New hearing device making a bit of a squeak (4,5).
- 18 Large cloth for a dorm feast (9). 20 Endless fight at sea for a meat
- 22 Old monk vinegary about saint 23 Formal body (5).
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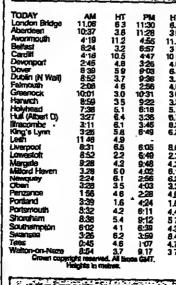
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#### FORECAST

General: England and Wales will be mostly rather cloudy with patchy light rain or sleet in places. Southwestern parts, though, should have more broken cloud and showers. Breaks are also likely to develop over southern England as

the day progresses. Scotland will have a good deal of cloud with outbreaks of rain or sleet, turning to snow over hills. Northern Ireland will also be rather cloudy with showery outbreaks of rain, heavy at times, and turning wintry

☐ London, SE England, Central S England: mostly dry, becoming brighter during the day. Wind east

ight. Max 10C (50F).

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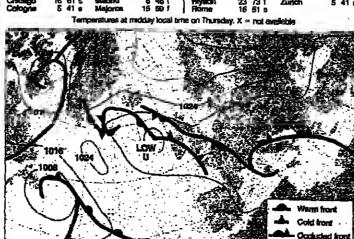
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